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ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	6th Jan. 1900
M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	13th "
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THE following additional motions of which notices have been given will be placed before the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the CORPORATION, called for MONDAY, the 6th November, 1899, at 3 p.m.:—
52. From Mr. Haji Yoosof Haji Esmail, "That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to prepare, in consultation with the Executive Health Officer and the Executive Engineer, and lay before the Corporation, one or more detailed improvement schemes for the Byculla Ward.
53. From Mr. Haji Yoosof Haji Esmail, That the Corporation are of opinion that before granting sick leave to Municipal employes in Bombay, the Municipal Commissioner should insist upon the production of a certificate from the Municipal Medical Examiner. That the Standing Committee be requested to frame rules to the above effect under section 81 of the Municipal Act.
54. From Mr. Khurshedji Nasarwanji Wadya. That the Commissioner be requested to lay before the Corporation a statement showing the number of the Municipal buildings in each of the different Wards of the City, their cost, the amounts for which they are insured and the names of the Companies with which they are insured.
55. From Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin, that (i) the attention of the Commissioner is drawn to the following verdict of the Coroner's Jury, given in connection with the collapse of a house in China Bunder Kiln Street:—The jury were of opinion, from evidence, that some measures should be taken to regulate the speed at which walls and building could be run up in Bombay, and (2) that the Commissioner be requested to recommend means by which the speed of buildings could be regulated and supervised by the Municipality.
56. From Mr. Khurshedji Nasarwanji Wadya. That the Commissioner be requested to lay before the Corporation all papers concerning the matter of Ganajibhoy Poonja vs. Muiji Noor Mahomed and the proceedings before the High Court, stating what expenses have been incurred in defending the said suit.
57. From Mr. Khurshedji N. Wadya. That the Commissioner be requested to inform the Corporation whether the water used by the dhobies at the Chowpatty flats, which comes from the foot of the hill, is a spring or percolation from the Malabar Hill Reservoir?
58. From Mr. Accacio G. Viegas. That the Commissioner be requested to obtain a joint report from the executive Health Officer and the Executive Engineer on the condition of houses and stables generally in the City, their effect on the public health and the best means of putting and maintaining them in a proper condition.
59. From Mr. Khurshedji Nasarwanji Wadya. That the Commissioner be requested to report if there are any houses built under Section 395 of the Municipal Act or otherwise within the last five years, where although the Health officer has sanctioned the plan subject to certain modifications and alterations, such modifications and alterations suggested have not been carried out and the buildings have been completed and used as human habitations, and whether such cases have been brought to the notice of the Standing Committee and the Commissioner, and what action, if any, they have taken in such cases.
61. From Mr. Accacio G. Viegas. That the Corporation are of opinion that, as far as possible, new milch cattle and buffalo stables should not be licensed in the crowded localities of the City.
61. From Mr. K. N. Wadya. That the attention of the Commissioner be drawn to the narrow lane known as Masodi Lane in the Fort Ward, and he be requested to inform the Corporation if he has acquired a set-back near a Mahomedan prayer house in the said lane and, if he has not, whether he means to acquire it in the future, or it can still be acquired under the Act if it is so desired; and whether it is a fact that permission has been asked for and granted for erecting a high fence by the side of the said prayer-house, in front of the premises of the inhabitants of the locality. 62. From Mr. N. N. Katrak That a 22" steel main should be laid from Chinchpokli to the west end of Grant Road to be thence continued with the existing 27" main to Malabar Hill, with a 32" steel main at a cost not exceeding Rs. 2,10,000. 2. That an additional outlet steel main of 32" diameter as far as Chowpatty should also be laid, at a cost not exceeding Rs. 30,000. 3. That the work of laying the new main from Kalachowki Road to the Bhanjaree Jala Reservoir already sanctioned, should be at once proceeded with. 4. That on the recommendation of the Standing Committee the Corporation will be prepared to sanction the expenditure."
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Bombay Municipal Corporation Office, 3rd Nov., 1899.

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Of course, we are sensible of many defects in this our first venture: the principal one being the impossibility to embody in a trade catalogue a complete list of our stock of Engravings. We would, therefore, request those seeking any known engraving not enumerated herein to communicate with us.

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Arrival of H. E. Lord Sandhurst, Grant Road station, 6-45 a.m.
Banks closed; Dewalee holidays.
Departure of R. I. M. S. Clive.
Arrival of Transport Nubia.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 2m. Sun sets, 5h. 25m. High water 0-6m., 11-45a. Low water, 5-58m., 5-42a.

PARSEE CYCLING CLUB.—Members meet at Sir R. Temple's Statue at 6-30 a.m. on Sunday, the 5th, for a run to Sion via Wories and back.

SANIT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.—The annual Guild meeting will be held in the Cathedral this evening, at 6 o'clock. Preacher, the Reverend Father Moore, S. S. J. E

SINKING OF A PROW.—A prow laden with 412 bags of grain whilst lying at anchorage off Mollet Bunder on Thursday night, sprang a leak and filled with water and sank with all the cargo. The occurrance was reported to the Port Office.

DAMAUN NEWS.—His Excellency the Governor of Damaun, with Lady Kuchembuck Villar, left Damaun for Bombay on Saturday, the 28th ultimo, and was expected to return on the (2nd instant. While at Bombay his Excellency paid a visit on the 1st instant to Mr. Sorabji Maneckji Damaunwala at his residence, opposite Albless Baug, Girgaum, to inquire after his health, but as under the advice of Drs. Hatch, Dinsmoor, Dubash, and Banker, Mr. Damanwala is forbidden to see or hold conversation with any body, owing to extreme weakness succeeding his recent illness, his Excellency was unable to see him.

KNOCKED DOWN AND KILLED BY A RUNAWAY HORSE.—On Thursday morning, one Soban Jokum, a syce, was leading a horse from Belasis Road to Mr. Oomer Jamal's stables at Ripon Road, when the animal took fright, knocked the syce over and bolted towards Cursetji Suklaji Street. The horse in his mad career knocked down three persons, including one Chima Santoo, aged fifty years, who received a wound on the forehead and fracture of the skull by the animal treading on him after knocking down. The injured man was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital in an unconscious state, where he died in the evening. Two other persons, who had been injured by the runaway horse, were treated at the hospital and allowed to go home. Mr. Turner, the Coroner, held an inquiry yesterday morning at the J. J. Hospital, regarding the death of Chima Santoo, when the jury, on the evidence, returned a verdict of accidental death.

DISHONEST SEAMEN.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, acting Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Favel charged Sheik Ibrahim Bava, a seaman, with the theft of a bottle of spirits, the property of turpentine of the collective value of Rs. 9, from P. and O. Co.'s s.s. Satlej, lying in the harbour. The evidence showed that on Thursday evening, at about 7 o'clock while the accused was going out of the Mody Bunder, a police sepoy on duty stopped him and on searching him the articles in question were found on him. The accused was placed before Mr. J. H. Parkinson, second officer, who identified the property as belonging to the company. On pleading guilty to the charge the accused was sentenced to fifteen days' hard labour.—Bhoulin Baba, another seaman on board the same steamer, was also convicted of stealing a hammock of the value of Rs. 5, and sentenced to fifteen days' rigorous imprisonment.

PLAGUE IN THE COMMON PRISON.—An inquiry was held yesterday, at her Majesty's Common Prison, by Mr. Turner, the Coroner, on the body of Mundoo Ramzan, aged twenty-eight years, a convict in the prison. Deceased was admitted into the jail on the 4th ultimo, having been convicted by Mr. S. B. Spencer, Presidency Magistrate, of theft in a building and sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment. He was admitted into the prison hospital on the 26th idem, suffering from plague. His temperature was 103° and the glands in both the groins were enlarged. His temperature fell to 98° on the 30th, but he was much exhausted and died on Thursday. There are two other cases of plague in the prison hospital and three suspicious cases. A verdict of death from plague was recorded.—Another inquiry in the same prison was held by the Coroner, on the body of Abdool Sattar, aged fifty years, a convict in the prison. The deceased was undergoing a term of two months' rigorous imprisonment, awarded to him by Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Presidency Magistrate, of theft. Deceased was attacked with plague on the 30th ultimo and admitted into the hospital on the same day. He died on Thursday last. The jury returned a verdict of death from plague.

DEATH FROM TETANUS FOLLOWING INOCULATION.

MR. ALLAN F. TURNER, the Coroner, held an inquiry yesterday, at the J. J. Hospital, regarding the death of Syed Vahajudeen Syed Sherajudin, a Mahomedan, aged about eighteen or twenty years, who died at the hospital, from tetanus, following inoculation. The deceased, it appears, was a clerk in the plague department and worked in the Byculla Ward. On the evening of the 22nd ultimo he returned home and told his friend, with whom he had been residing at Bapty Road, that he had been inoculated that day. Next day he had strong fever on him and he did not go to his work. On the second and third day he attended his duties, but on the latter date his body became somewhat stiff, and he remained at home. On the following day his condition became worse, he had spasms all over his body, and his jaws became locked. He was visited by Dr. Jeyker, who advised his removal to the J. J. Hospital, where his symptoms increased in severity, and he died on Thursday last. It was stated that deceased had been twice inoculated in Poona. Dr. Jeyker, a sectional medical officer of the Plague Department, attached to the Byculla Section, deposed that he did inoculation work as well as other plague work. Deceased was a clerk under Volunteer Khan Bahadur Rajak Bin Curtas of Ripon Road, who was doing house-to-house visitation at Ripon Road. Deceased joined as a clerk about twelve or thirteen days ago. Under the Municipal Commissioner's orders every one who joined the department had to be inoculated. On the 22nd ultimo witness inoculated the deceased at Khan Bahadur Rajak's stables. He gave him a full dose of 5 c.c. of Haffkine's serum. He did not see deceased again until the 26th idem, when he was suffering from the ordinary after effects of inoculation. Witness inoculated him on the right arm, midway between the shoulder and the elbow. Deceased attended to his duties for two days. On the 30th ultimo he went to the witness and complained to him of some difficulty in opening his mouth and asked witness to prescribe for him. Witness found he had symptoms of tetanus, and prescribed for him. Deceased then went home. Next day witness, in company of Khan Bahadur Rajak, went to the deceased's house to see how he was getting on, and found he was worse. Dr. Jeyker advised his removal to hospital. This was the first instance of tetanus following inoculation that witness had had. Dr. Jeyker had inoculated about 2,500 persons within the last two months. After each inoculation witness changed the needle and placed the one he had used in a solution of carbolic acid. There were always four needles, including the one he was using, in the solution at the same time. Dr. Jeyker was quite certain that the deceased was inoculated with a clean and not a dirty needle. The serum used was fresh. The serum was indented for sometimes twice and sometimes thrice in a week. Witness did all the inoculations in his section himself. The deceased was a strong healthy man, and was quite well when inoculated. Deceased informed witness he had been inoculated once last year at Poona. Deceased lived in a dirty house and locality in Bapty Road.—Dr. Gillespie, house-surgeon to the J. J. Hospital, in course of his evidence, said that he had had in the hospital one other case of tetanus following inoculation, that was last year and the patient recovered. It was impossible to say how the poison could have been introduced into the system. By the fact of the deceased having lived in an unhealthy locality after the inoculation, the poison of tetanus from the unhealthy surroundings could have been absorbed into his system either through the puncture or through any other small wound on his person. It did not necessarily follow that the needle used was dirty. The jury, on the evidence returned a verdict that deceased died from tetanus following inoculation and probably was infected by tetanus poison through the insanitary surroundings of the place he lived in.

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OBSERVATIONS T[illegible] THE 3[illegible]

There has been a brisk [illegible] Lahore, Sirsa and Jhansi, and a [illegible] elsewhere. The distribution is somewhat regular and the baric gradients are slight.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been general[illegible]ight.

The maximum [illegible]ure is above the mean of the season in many [illegible] maximum 10° in excess at Lahore and [illegible] the lowest 51° at Jacobabad.

Humidity changes are [illegible]gular and the skies are cloudy to overcast in t[illegible]ras Presidency, and at Goa and Belgaum.

Over an inch of rain h[illegible]allen at Negapatam (1·05"), 0·78 cents at Colo[illegible] 0·05 at Calicut and Trichinopoly and 0·04 at Coc[illegible]

Pressure is abnormally hig[illegible]er the greater part of the country lying to the [illegible]Indian 15°, and no rain beyond local showe[illegible]s in Ceylon, on the Malabar Coast and at the sou[illegible]ly stations in the Madras Presidency is likely.

H. CHITBY SMITH,
Officiating Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA Nov. 3.

Friday—Pressure has risen briskly to very rapidly in N-W India, has fallen slightly to briskly in Bengal and Assam, and has been steady or has risen slightly elsewhere. Winds have shifted to the south-west in Colombo and are blowing strongly this morning. North-easterly winds are reported from the Malabar Coast. Temperatures are in defect in Bengal, Orissa the East Coast South Madras Assam and Upper Burma. The excess in the remaining provinces is greatest in the Central districts. Light rain has fallen in Burma and showers in the south of the Peninsula. Amounts of one inch and above have been received at Akyab, Minbu, Negapatam and Tinnevelly:

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THE DEWALEE FESTIVAL.

COMMENCING on Tuesday last, the Dewalee illuminations were in their full brilliance last night. To-day is the Hindu, new year's day, and Thursday was chosen as the "Vahi-punja" day, when they open new account books after having invoked the good graces of "Lukshmi" i.e., the goddess of riches, upon their transactions and speculations for the ensuing year. The family priest of course officiates at the ceremony for a consideration, and by means of certain incantations, appears to use his influence with the fickle goddess in favour of his customer. The festival commenced this year last Tuesday, and continuing on Wednesday, and Thursday, had its crowning effulgence yesterday, which was the great day for illuminations, in which all classes of the native community take a part. Dewalee (from *dipa*, a lamp, and *avali*, a row,) the feast of lamps, is according to the Indian calendars, a festival on the new moon of Kartik in honour of the goddess Kali or Bhowani, who was formerly propitiated by human sacrifices, and of Vishnu's victory over the demon Naraka. The festival, however, appears to be more appropriately consecrated to Lukshmi, the goddess of riches, and is generally celebrated for a period of five days, during which native dwelling houses are cleaned, whitewashed, and illuminated. A quadrangular floor called "rangoolee" is made in front of Hindu and Parsee houses, and decorated with many-coloured powders by the females. In Hindu families, all the treasure in the house is collected and worshipped in the name of Lukshmi, a light is made and dedicated to Yama, the god of the infernal regions, and fire-works, crackers, and spouters are let off. Early in the morning of the fourteenth day of Ashvin Vad, the Hindus get up and fill the house with lights, rub their bodies with perfumed ointment, and bathe themselves with hot water. New clothes and ornaments are put on, and after the children have been decorated in the orthodox fashion, the mistress of the house performs a sort of ceremony called "arti," placing burning wicks either in silver or brass dishes, symbolical of the removal of all their difficulties and the commencement of a happy new year. Presents of money are made, and sweetmeats distributed; and friends and relations are invited to the family feast. Last night the display of lights in the native quarter of the Fort, extending from Parsee Bazaar Street to the Municipal Gardens on the verge of Hornby Road, was rather effectively made. Thousands of spectators, on foot and in carriages, had turned out to see the illuminations, driving out from the Bazar Gate Street to Kalbadevie and Moombadevi on the one hand, or to the Crawford Market and the Cloth Markets and Shaik Memon Street on the other, and proceeding in the direction of the Coppersmiths' Chawl, or Bhuleshwar, or Pydhonie and Bhendy Bazar, one and all the Dewalee illuminations in their full brilliance. Compared with the indiscriminate massing of lights everywhere the display of gas jets in arcades, cresents, and other designs at the three Cloth Markets and at the premises of Mr. Shivlal Motilal and others in Kalbadevie and Moombadeviei, appeared to better advantage. The Sir Mungaldas Cloth Markets made a good show of the electric light. The tram cars, during the continuance of the festival, received a large share of public patronage.

PRAYER FOR BRITISH SUCCESS IN TRANSVAAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—It is the duty of the Brahmins to pray for the welfare of the rulers, from time immemorial; the more so, it must be now, in such times of disaster to the British troops in the Transvaal. It is hereby suggested to the Brahmins in Bombay that they would carry out their desire, which, I am informed, is growing serious lately, among the Brahmin community here, and be true to their duty enjoined upon them by their creed, another Lord Krishna, Ishpe, moreover, that the brother Brahmins of Poona, too, will join hand in the prayer for the safety of the English troops in the Transvaal, considering their special but, and also the future position of India in the event of a great disaster to the British there.—Yours &c.,

A BOMBAY BRAHMIN.

Bombay, 3rd Nov. 1899.

DEPARTURE OF THE R. I. M. S. CLIVE.

THE Royal Indian Marine Steamer Clive, Captain E. J. Beaumont, will sail to-day for Karachi with the following details:—1st Wiltshire Regiment—2 officers, 1 lady, 1 child, 46 men, 2 women, 3 children, 1 nurse; Indian Medical Service—1 officer; 2nd Suffolk Regiment—2 officers, 43 men, 1 woman, 3 children, 1 servant; West York Regiment—2 officers, 29 men; 35th Battery R. F. Artillery—10 men; 4th E. D. R. G. Artillery—35 men; 23rd S. D. R. G. Artillery—3 men; Bedford Regiment—1 officer, 63 men; 25th S. D. R. G. Artillery—7 men; 7th Mounted Battery—6 men; 71st Battery R. F. Artillery—10 men; Royal Engineers—4 men, 3 women, 7 children; R. A. M. Corps—1 officer, 1 lady, 5 servants, 1 charger; Commissariat Department—1 officer, 1 clerk; South Stafford Regt.—1 officer for Rangoon. The following are the names of the officers:—Col. E. C. Dobbs, Comt. Dept; Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. C. Hardford and child, and Captain G Dickson, 1st Wiltshire Regiment; Lieutenant J. H. La Seaman, R. M. S.; Lieutenant W. H. Bowden, 2nd Suffolk Regiment; Lieut. H. M. Hales, Bedford Regiment; Major and Mrs. A. V. Lane, R. A. M. C.; Lieut. M. D. Wood, West York; 2nd Lieut. G. S. Torkington, 2nd Suffolk; 2nd Lieut. T. C. Catty, West York; 2nd Lieut. R. I. Milne, South Stafford.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	2	0	5
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	5	2	11
C Market, Dhanji Street, Panaswadi, Bhuleshwar Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	1	0	23
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Malabar Hill	1	0	7
E Mazgaon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Parel e, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	7	4	31
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	4
G Malabar Hill and Worlee	0	0	5
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-resident and unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	5	11
Total	16	11	98
Total plague deaths to date	60,034	52,947	
Same date last year	8	8	91

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT

NOVEMBER 3.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.
AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Bhamo, perfect.
AFRICA.—Via Aden, interrupted. Via Cadiz Tenerife, perfect. Via Lisbon St. Vincent perfect.
Restrictions:—
Telegrams for Panaj Negros (Visayas Islands) are subject to same restrictions as Philippine Islands but are subject to censure of United States Government.
Censure imposed at Manila (Philippines) on all telegrams containing political news.
Till further notice private telegrams in secret language to and from, or transiting Cape Colony cannot be accepted.
Telegrams to and from Natal are subject to censure of Military authorities. Those in code can only be accepted on production of code books for verification.
All telegrams exchanged with south Africa are subject to scrutiny at Aden.
Under instructions of British Government a military censorship has been established at Aden on all telegrams transiting cable, Aden, Zanzibar. All private telegrams whether in code or plain language, transiting Cable Aden Zanzibar, are subject to censure of Military authorities at Aden.
Censorship has been established at Panja and Buenaventura in United States of Columbia. Telegrams for the interior can be accepted, except for the following offices. Cartagena, Barranquilla, Cucuta, Ocana and Bucaramanga.
Censorship has been established in the Cape of Good Hope for all cable telegrams for or transiting that Colony.
Restrictions on private telegraphic correspondence to and from Azores removed, but still apply to telegrams addressed to Madeira.
State of communication:—
Cable Jamaica Colon interrupted.
Cable Guyana to Barbados interrupted.
Bhamo route to China right.
Cable Trinidad Demerara interrupted.
Cable Gibraltar Bonifacio for or transiting that Colony.
Cable Zanzibar Mombassa interrupted.
Cable Moza nbique Delagoabay interrupted.
Line Saigon Bangkok interrupted.
Telegrams for Madagascar except Majunga are subject to delay during the period of October to March owing to daily storms experienced.
Telegrams for British Guiana are conveyed frequently by steamer without alteration of charges.
Communication between Natal on one side and Orange Free State and Mafeking on the other entirely suspended.
Communication with Mafeking (Bechuanaland) and beyond interrupted.
Communication with all offices beyond the Orange River interrupted, this cuts off telegraph communication with British Bechuanaland, Southern Rhodesia, Nyassaland and Northern Zambezia.
Press Telegrams can be now exchanged with South Africa via Aden only at Rs. 1-3 per word.
There is no land line communication from Mozambique to Beira.
There is a land line between Beira and Quilimane.
Mail leaves Mozambique for Beira to-day, Saturday 4 p.m.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 4th November, 1899.

1. The following promotion will take effect in the Cyclist Section from this date:—To be Lance-Sergeant, Cyclist Corporal F. Hogan, to be Corporal Cyclist Lance Corporal P. R. Soundy,

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Capt.,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

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ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OF 20TH OCTOBER.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Arabia, Captain J. L. Partfitt, with English mails of 20th October, arrived in Bombay harbour, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

She brought the following passengers:—

FROM LONDON.

Alkman Mr and Mrs R S
Arnold Mr E W
Anderson Mr I
Aspitel Mrs and inft
Bell Mr
Burlton Mrs
Barr Col and Mrs D W K and Miss
Bryon Mrs
Burness Mr W D
Burney Mrs D A
Battesby Miss
Banerji Mr D
Burnett Mr
Bakewell Miss
Barnes Mr and Mrs
Cowie Mrs D W G
Cowie Mrs M
Cooke Lieut
Goodall Mr H B
Edgell Miss
Eborall Mrs
Fraser Mr A
Ferris Mrs
Fisher Mr
French Mr and Mrs H D
Fairhirst Mr J
Fowler Mrs A P
Forbes Mrs H S and Miss V
Fuller Mrs J S
Gibbs Mr W G
Giles Mr
Greenhill Mr and Mrs
Gough Lt A K
Gavin Major F F
Gough Mrs E B
Gray Mr and Mrs
Gymer Mr F W
Glazebrook Mr
Gaunter Mrs
Goodridge Mrs
Hansser Mr
Hill Lieut and Mrs
Ham Mr W T and Miss
Hartless Mr and Mrs A C
Hartmann Mr F
Hudson Mr and Mrs E H
Harrison Mr and Mrs
Hudson Mr P
Harrison Mrs P
Handlay Mr A P
Hawkins Major and Mrs J D
He nemann Mr
Hewitt Mr J C
Hunt Mr S D and infant
Howse Mr G E
Hughes Mr and Miss R M
Hubbard Major H W
Hughes Mrs
Heaton Mr J J
Hirsh Mr H
Izat Mr A
Jones Mr and Mrs O R and Miss
Johnson Rev and Mrs R R
Johnstone Mr A
Johnstone Mr J W L
Jardine Mr W E
Johnson Mr W
Johnstone Mr D
Joint Mrs
Kipping Mr and Mrs
Keatings Mr and Mrs
Kenyon Mr Mrs E A and 2 infants
Kitts Mr E J
Kaltz Mr H
Kay Mr W H
Kitts Mrs E J
Keatings Mr and Mrs G
Leapingwell Col A H
Le Faun Hon H
Laidlaw Mr and Mrs
Lyle Mr H W
Longe Major
Lawton Mr H J
Leslie Major
Lambert Mr A J
Lloyd Mr H
Murcott Mr
McConnachey Col and Mrs
Mennis Capt I O
McNair Miss
McHutchin Mr W
MacLeod Mr and Miss
MacLeod Mr Mrs and child
Macleod Mrs
Mackenzie Lieut K S W
Moore Mr
Moore Capt
Macnaughten Mrs and infant
Moore Mr T A
Mangos Mr
Noble Mr G J
Nelson Miss
Nutt Mrs R and inft
Oakes Mr Mrs E J
Ostrehan Mrs and child
Pinney Major R
Pinhey Mrs and child
Procter Mrs and infant
Perry Lt-Col F F
Pullen Mr
Peters Mr E
Parson Mr W
Plowden Col W
Porch Miss
Perric Miss
Parkes Mr E H B
Playfair Mr Patrick
Parke Colonel
Richards Miss
Richardson Col
Robertson Miss M A J
Robertson Miss
Ryder Lieut H J
Ralks Mr Mrs and child
Rae Mr L
Reid Mrs
Rawlins Mr
Robinson Miss A S
Riddell Mr
Rose Miss M
Raitt Mrs and Mr
Solomon Mrs H
Stephen Mr and Mrs K W
Staveley, Miss
Schulten Dr
Simpson Mr J Hope
Studd Mr E J C
Stoddart Miss
Stoneviga Mr and Mrs E J
Sprott Mr and Mrs F C
Stowell Mr A F
Stephenson Service and Mrs
Shorrock Mrs
arlow Mr R
Strachey Sir and Lady A
Sargon Mr C F
Spooner Mr and Mrs H B
Short Mr
Short Miss
Schuter Mrs H R
Stephenson and child
Scott Mrs C J
Stainstreet Capt
Stoddart Mr T
Stow Mr A M
Stack Miss
Seal Mr Nath
Smith Miss F
Schneider Mr W
Tiremun Mr H
Taylor Miss
Triscott Mrs
Tozer Mr H S
Tupper Mr E H
Tate Mr W
Trotter Mr H M C
Trautbeck Miss
Turner Mrs and inft
Thomson Mrs and child
Vaughan Major R and Mrs
Verdon Mr and Mrs J
Weston Mr E
Webb Mr G H
Waterbotham Mrs
Westmoreland Lt-Col
Weston Mrs and child
Whitworth Mr C
Wingate Miss
Wadi-ad-Deen Mohd
Wilkinson Mr T G
Walker Mr and Mrs
Yates Mrs

FROM BRINDISI.

Herbst Mr

FROM PORT SAID,

Thornton Mr P C

FROM ADEN.

Stevens Col

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Anik Mr A S M
Ashton Mr E P
Ashdown Mr W
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Brown Mrs B
Bryant Mr H B
Burtt
Byas Mr R F
Browning Lieut T C
Bishop Miss
Banoojee Dhanjibhoy Mr
Bukheh Mr
Ballard Miss
Bourke Capt J J
Brooke Miss
Blackham Mrs E
Butler Mr G
Bennett Mr and Mrs L W
Burt Mrs J M
Carnduff Mr H W C
Carnduff Mr Mrs and child
Cole Miss E
Coilin Miss
Collins Mrs J H
Carmichael Col and Mrs J C G
Cowie Miss H N and infant
Chamberlain Rev F W
Chamberlain Mrs
Clark Mrs
Cogan Rev H B
Clark Mr A
Dodington Lieut Mrs W and Marriott and infant
Davis Mr V
Davidson Mr Li
Dunlop Mrs H and child
Ewing Mr A M
Framjee Mr B S
Fernandes Mr F
Fairweather Mr
Forbes Miss
Gough Mrs
Greenal Mr R
Gibb Miss F C
Gough Lieut H W
Greathem Miss
Houghton Miss
Hodson Mrs C W and child
Hutchison Major and Mrs
Hudson Mr A
Hoey Mr W
Jackson Grieson Mrs and 1 child
Jacob Mr
Kirk Mr H A
Kollner Mr E
Lawrence Mrs Watson and child
Lyle Mr Mrs J C and infant
Leathly Miss
Latimer Mr J H
Mather Mr and Mrs G W
Monro Mr A V
Moore Mrs
Mules Mrs
McNiven Mrs A
Martineau Mrs F A
O'Beirne Mr and Mrs T W
Owen Mr F A
O'Grady Lieut H de C
Phelps Mr J H
Phelps Miss
Pooley Miss
Paley Mrs.
Paley Miss
Parker Mr P W
Pritt Mr Ashby and infant
Pomeroy Hon E
Parsons Mr F C
Pollock Mrs child and 2 infant
Porteous Mrs and infant
Rowson Mr C
Ryder Major W J
Rojo-Canachi Mr
Robinson Lt C Wood R N
Strachey Major R J
Strachey Mrs
Sitwell Rev Mrs J R and two children
Smith Mr H W and three children
Stainforth Capt L C H
Stewart Miss
Shaw Rev W L Pritchatt
Smyth Capt Mrs W C child and infant
Spalding Mrs
Tod Capt J R
Tuning Capt and Mrs C S
Truscott Mr J J
Tuttle Mr and Mrs L R
White Mrs M
Wilson Mrs
Welch Mrs
Wilkinson Capt and Mrs E
Wood Mrs C G
Williman Miss Mary
Watts Mr G C
Wyndham Mrs E

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Alston Mrs H G P
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Anik Mr A S M
Ashton Mr E P
Ashdown Mr W
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Brown Mrs B
Bryant Mr H B
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Welch Mrs
Wilkinson Capt and Mrs E
Wood Mrs C G
Williman Miss Mary
Watts Mr G C

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BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, Nov. 3.

THE past week having been broken by the *Dewali* holidays, which began yesterday and end to-morrow, there has been but little business passing. The Cotton market has been quiet but steady. In Wheat and Seeds there has been a feeling akin to dulness, with prices generally unchanged. Exchange has been very steady, no change in quotations to speak of having taken place. Government Paper has been weak and declining in tone, rates having dropped some 1 to 2 per cent. Money is in good demand. Freights are quiet, with very little reported done. In Imports there is but a small enquiry.

MONEY.—The Bank of Bombay Return for the week ending on Saturday last showed the following changes :—

Public Deposits at the Head Office Inc	Rs.	1,27,332
Other " " Branches.. Inc	"	4,70,517
Other " " Inc	"	23,55,980
Government Securities Dec	"	223
Other authorised "	"	unchanged.
Loans Inc	"	2,11,445
Bills Discounted and Purchased.. "	"	2,11,060
Balances with other Banks.. Dec	"	719
Cash Inc	"	25,64,031

There was an increase in the Cash Balance of the Bank of Bombay during last week, amounting to over 26 1-2 lakhs, at about 159 1-2 lakhs. Public Deposits were greater by 1 1-4 lakh, at the Head Office, and 4 3-4 lakhs at the Branches; Private Deposits were 23 1-2 lakhs more. Loans, as well as Bills Discounted and Purchased, were 2 lakhs greater; while in the other items of the Bank's Return there was no change to speak of.

Statement of the Affairs of the Bank, as on the 28th October, 1899 :—

LIABILITIES.	Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	70,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	59,30,835
Do. do. at Branches	22,52,350
Other Deposits	3,33,30,351
Post Bills	3,900
Credits undrawn	10,84,434
	Rs... 5,96,07,900

ASSETS.	Rs.
Government Securities	89,91,283
Other authorised Securities	34,37,499
Credits on Government and other authorised Securities	42,22,748
Loans on do. do....	1,90,58,256
Bills Discounted and Purchased	73,02,593
Dead Stock	4,22,815
Stamps and Stationery	20,894
Bullion	2,07,929
Cash	1,59,43,853
	Rs.... 5,96,07,900

Meanwhile, money continues in demand. The Bank of Bombay rate is unchanged at 7 per cent., and that in the open market at 6 per cent.

EXCHANGE, opened steady in tone on Saturday last at 1s. 4 3-32d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 1-8d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 3-8d. to 3-32d. for three months' sight Credits, no business of any importance having been reported done. The market was quiet at opening on Monday at 1s. 4 3-32d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 1-8d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 11-32d. for three months' sight Credits. Rates remained at this level all day, with very little business passing. On Tuesday quotations were given at 1s. 4 3-32d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 1-8d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 3-3d. for three months' sight Credits, with again but little doing. On Wednesday the market was quiet but steady at 1s. 4 3-32d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 1-8d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 3-32d. for three months' sight Credits. There was only a small amount of business done, and the markeet closed quiet but steady in tone at the following level, and will not re-open till Monday next, the *Devali* holidays entervening :—

Bank Bills on Demand....	1s. 4 3-32d. per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s. 4 1-8 "
Credits 3 months' Sight ...	1s. 4 3-8d. "
Francs	172 1-4 "

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—There was a weak feeling the market on Saturday last with 94 11-16 quoted for in Cash, for 3 1-2 per Cents., and 94 1-2 for the Settlement. On Monday the market was quiet in tone, with very little business doing. Rates were inclined to be weak, with 94 3-8 quoted for the 30th November Settlement, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 88 to 89 for 3 per Cents; for the 30 October Settlemet the rate touched 95 1-8. The market was quite weak in tone on Tuesday at 94 1-8 for both Cash and the Settlement, for 3 1-2 per cents, and 89 for Threes. Rates declined the next day to 93 3-4 for Money and Account, for 3 1-2 per Cents, with 88 for Threes, and the market closed at this level, not to re-open until Monday.

SHARES.—There has been nothing of importance doing in this market during the past week. Prices show no change to speak of, as disclosed by our revised list.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—Owing to the Dewali holidays very little business has passed. Prices of Grey Goods are the same as before, nominally, but to induce buyers to operate it will be necessary to make a reduction. From up-country dealers the demand is most moderate. For Bleached, Dyed, Turkey-Red, Printed, and Locally-made Goods the market is dull. The clearances of Imported Goods from the bazaar during the week have been about 700 packages, and of Local, some 300 bales.

YARNS.—From China buyers the demand is no less active. The market is steady in tone; official quotations are as follows :—

Twist	No.				to		per lb
"	10s	"	"	3 3-8	"	3 5-8	"
"	12s	"	"	3 7-8	"	4 1-8	"
"	16s	"	"	4 1-2	"	5 1-2	"
"	20s	"	"	4 3-4	"	5 5-8	"
"	24s	"	"	5 1-4	"	6	"
"	30s	"	"	6 1-4	"	7	"
"	40s	"	"	7 1-4	"	8	"

METALS.—Yellow Metal is unchanged at Rs. 48-8 per cwt., and Swedish Bar Iron at Rs. 57 per candy; Braziers Copper is Re. 1 higher, at Rs. 65-8 per cwt.

COALS.—No sales of importance have been reported. Some lots of ready "Jardine's" sold at Rs. 14 per ton, and "Yorkshire" ex "Dido" at Rs. 20-6 per ton. The market closed quiet but steady. We quote alongside :—

	Ready. Per Ton. Rs.	Forward. Per Ton. Rs.
Welsh Hartley	21 per ton	Nil
West Do.	Nil	Nil
Australian	22	22
Powell's	22	22
Cardiff	13	13
Japan	13 1-2	13 1-2
Singareni	15 1-2	15 1-2
Deshagar, Bengal	13 1-2	13 1-2
Muir's Navigation	14	13 1-2
Jardine's	15	14 3-4
Seebpore		

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—There has been quite a holiday feeling in this market, very little business has been done, and that chiefly on account of the mills; the demand from exporters has been small. Prices have been rather steady.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling cost, and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without commission, viz. :—

	Per Candy. Per lb. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Rs. 181—3 11-16.
Do. Fully Good	" 171—3 17-32.
Do. Good	" 161—3 3-8.
Bolatee, fine	"
Do. Fully Good	" 157—3 25-32.
Khandeish, Fully Good	" 157—3 25-32.
Do. Do. Jan. 1900	" 191—3 15-16.
Oomra, Fully Good	" 171—3 27-32.
Dholleras, Fine	"
Do. Fully Good	" 191—3 27-32.
Do. Good	" 181—3 3-4.
Do. Do. May, 1900	" 191—3 31-32.
S. G. Dharwar, Good	"
Western	" 184—3 3-4.
Broach, Fine	"
Do. Good	" 195—3 1-32
Do. Do. March, 1900	" 211—4 9-32.

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparisons with the previous two years :—

Receipts	1899. Bales.	1898. Bales.	1897. Bales.
For 6 days	12,315	7,336	4,273
From 1st Jan. to 1st Nov. 1899	1,790,110	1,593,758	1,325,011
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For 6 days	581	1,002	340
From 1st Jan. to 1st Nov. 1899	491,051	456,753	436,939
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta, &c.			
For 6 days	14,849	100	1,340
From 1st Jan. to 1st Nov. 1899	477,451	425,313	430,028

Monday morning's telegraphic weather and crop reports from the districts advised that there had been no further rainfall. The weather continued bright, and more rain was still much needed generally.

The advices received yesterday from the districts reported nothing fresh, the weather having continued bright with no sign of rain.

WHEAT AND SEEDS.—These markets have been very quiet with a poor demand from buyers. Prices were inclined to fall away, but are generally stationary now for last week's level.

The comparative imports of Wheat and Seeds are as under :—

	1899. Cwts.	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.
Wheat for 6 days	59,023	99,218	28,155
Do. from 1st Jan. to 1st Nov.	4,897,393	7,417,089	1,528,365
Linseed for 6 days	18,954	26,413	4,397
Do. from 1st Jan. to 1st Nov.	2,019,515	2,385,589	420,315
Rapeseed for 6 days	12,451	21,105	12,493
Do from 1st Jan. to 1st Nov.	1,933,322	2,008,998	1,789,427
Gingelly for 6 days	23,564	33,142	15,011
Do. from 1st Jan. to 1st Nov.	1,103,014	1,194,990	449,777

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows :—

	1899. Cwts.	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.
Wheat for the week	2,000	28,365	100
Do. from 1st January to 1st November	2,852,719	5,596,664	2,913
Linseed for 6 days	41,035	32,282	4,006
Do. from 1st January to 1st November	2,046,815	2,419,876	613,493
Rapeseed for 6 days	94,365	3,013	...
Do. from 1st January to 1st November	1,876,255	2,104,552	1,082,919
Gingelly seed for 6 days	1500	13,389	15,750
Do from 1st January to 1st November	1,354 904	1,424,00	473,889

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Nov. 2.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady.
Surats quiet.
Good Bhownuggur, 3 10-32.
The Manchester Market has been quiet but steady.
2 3-4 per cent. Consols 104 1-16
3 per cent. Rentes 100½
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan 113
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers 62 15-16
Bar Silver 26 11-16

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results.
Total Bullion £33,400,000, Decrease £400,000; Public Deposits £7,800,000, Decrease £300,000; Other Deposits £41,100,000, Decrease £1,400,000; Other Securities £30,100,000, Decrease £ 600,000; Notes and Gold £21,600,000, Decrease £900,000. The Bank' Reserve is 44 per cent. of the Liabilities.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

COLOMBO Nov. 2
N L steamer Konig Albert from Brewen arrived

SUEZ, Nov. 2.
The Clan Line steamer, Clan Macnab, arrived here, this morning.
The Messageries Maritimes Co. s.s. Siazic, which left Bombay on Tuesday the 24th ultimo, at noon, arrived at Suez, on Thursday the 2nd instant, at 4 p.m.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE City Line s s City of London, 2,056 tons, Captain R Scarff, cleared yesterday for Hongkong in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's ss Kola, 497 tons, Captain J Robertson, sailed yesterday for Karachi, with a general cargo, and the following passengers :—Mr Cowan, Mr Isack, Mr and Mrs Morse, Mrs Phillips, Mr Armstrong, two children of Mr Inglis, and 20 deck.

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THE B I S N Co's s s Culna, 1,463 tons, Captain W. Hill, arrived in harbour on Thursday evening from Calcutta 23rd October, with a general cargo, and one deck passenger. During the voyage she experienced on 12th to 14th October cyclonic weather in the Bay of Bengal and much rain and heavy sea on the Malabar Coast. She cleared to-day for Veraval, Kathiawar coast ports with the same bottom cargo.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—Nov. 3.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
H M S Marathon		Field			Royal Navy
H M S Pigeon		Mowbray			Royal Navy
H M S Bacon		Phillips			Royal Navy
H M s Sphinx		Phillips			Royal Navy
Mirzapore	2168	Coates			H C Joesun
India	1489	Hartleiffsh			A Monuschoff
City of London	2256	Scarff			F F & Co
Kliora		Wilson			M M & Co
Mohammadi	1947	Erikson			B & P S N Co
Sutlej					P & O Co
Dilwara		Mann			Transport
Jubela	2133	Tindall			H C Joesub
Clive		Beaumont			R I Marine
Mazagon	3279	Cork			P & O Co
Korbella	1489	Hamilton			M M & Co
Patna	1164	Howlden			M M & Co
Kola	497	Robertson			M M & Co
Florida	2030	Chapman			M M & Co
Pachumba	344	Skinner			M M and Co
Arabia	1376	Parfitt			P & O S N Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—NOVEMBER 3.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agents.
A	Dido	3127	Pickering	Karachi	7-11	F M & Co
B	Mozaffari	1367	Griffith	Kobe	7-11	E P S N Co
D	Hispania	2113	Abacy	Marseilles	4-11	W & A G & Co
K	Inaravati	813	Adum			Shprd & Co
M	Juneda	2134	Tyndall	Calcutta	11-11	H C Josub

HARBOUR WALL.

Satrunji	524	Fakeera	Kurrachee	4-11	Shprd & Co
Brahmani	224	Casemn	M Port	3-11	Do
Kaveri	530	Ahamed	Bhowngr	4-11	Do
Sabermati	524	Fuzeera			Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
1	Manilla	2280	Gavino	Genoa	10-11	F Baldovino
4	Coromandel	2781	Vibert	China	3-11	P & O Co
5	Carthage	2493	London	London	18-11	P & O S N Co
9	Socotra	3896	Hill	China	8-11	P & O Co
12	Egypt	3178	Langbourne	London	4-11	P & O Co
15	Clan Maclean	1483	Pennycook			F M & Co
16	Bisagno	1569	Magazino	China	4-11	F Baldovino

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich mean time, 7h. 8m. 44·3s.

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba mean time, or 1h. 4m. 44·3s of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVALS

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander	From.
2	Culna s	Hill	Calcutta, Oct 20.
3	Pachumba s	Skinner	Busrah, Oct 21.
3	Arabia s	Parfitt	London, Oct 13.

DEPARTURES.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
3	Dilwara (Transport)	Mann	Southampton.
	Kola s	Robertson	Karachi.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—
Steamer Culna, Hill, for Veraval, &c.
" City of London, Scarff for Hongkong.

DIVINE SERVICE.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, NOVEMBER 5.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

6-30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral—Cruickshank in E flat—Hymns 474, 553 and 320.
5 p.m.—Children's service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and sermon—Hymns 514 and 423.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.—Bunnett in F.
Anthem—"Ye shall dwell in the land"—Stainer.
Daily Matins at 6-45 a.m. and Evensong at 4-15 p.m.
Tuesday an l Thursday Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, FORT.
(Church of Scotland.)

11 a.m.—Joint Service. Psalm 40, tune 144—Hymns 65, 2nd tune, 234, 170 Part.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evening Service, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's supper will be dispensed. Psalm 23 tune 104—Hymns 317, 320 and 323. Paraphrase 35, tune 9.
Collection for Poor fund.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.
(Afghan Memorial Church.)

7 a.m.—Choral, Matins and Sermon (Parade Service)—Hymns 376, 429 and 427.
8 a.m. Mass Cantata (Merbecke)—Hymns 427, 447 and 324.
6 p.m.—Choral, Evensong and Sermon—Hymns 429, 445 and 437.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
(Waudby Road, Esplanade.)

4-30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.
Hymns 47, 345 and 371. Psalm 30.
11 a.m.—Joint Service in St. Andrew's Church.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.
(Near School of Art.)

Incumbent.—Rev. J. Hilden.
8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion—Hymns 222, 231 and 311 (part 2.)
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon—Hymns 219, 235 and 437.
The offertories for church expenses and poor relief.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon by Rev. L. B. Butcher.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by Rev. W. A. Roberts.

ST. NICHOLAS (SEAMEN'S) CHURCH.
Prince's Dock.

6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, choral, and Sermon; preacher, Rev. Father Moore.
10 a.m.—Matins and Catechizing.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon; preacher, Rev. Father Moore.
Alms for the All Saints' Sisterhood.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
(Colaba Causeway.)

8 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Rev. G. C. Walker.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8 p.m.—Social Hour (open to all).
Byculla, (Victoria Gardens.)
9-30 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Rev. F. R. Atkins.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PAREL.
(Madras time.)

8-30 a.m.—Matins—Hymns 429 and 427.
5-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.—Hymns 242, 433, 423 and 362.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BANDORA.

11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon and Holy Communion.

Salvation Army. On Saturday Nov. 5th in connexion with the Self Denial Compaign, Commissioner Higgins (General Booth's representative) will deliver an adress in the Salvation Army Hall, Bori Bunder, at 7-30 p.m.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.
Bombay, 2nd November, 1899.
Means of observations taken at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dec. Fah.	Inches 29·910
Temperature of the Air	degrees 83·0
Wet Bulb Thermometer	" 74·3
Dew Point	" 71·2
Relative humidity of Air	0·706
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	0·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees 90·1
Minimum do. (read at 8 a.m.)	" 74·0
General Directions of wind	NNE, ENE, NW, NE.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours	miles 186

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

EUROPE.

DEATH.

STUART—October 2, at Thorndean House, Greenock, May Elizabeth Scott, wife of Henry Ramsay Stuart, D S P, Nagpore, C P, India.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BURGISS—October 22, at Allahabad, the wife of Fred D Burgiss, of a son.
LONGFIELD—October 27, at Hyderabad Sind, the wife of Major Longfield, Royal Artillery, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

RIX-SCOTT—October 28, at the Church of St John's in the Wilderness, by the Ven. The Archdeacon of Lucknow assisted by the Rev A H Langridge, Chaplain, Harry Sidney Rix, Indian Civil Service, to Albertine Rodway, second daughter of Mr G B Scott, Superintendent of Surveys, N-W P and Oudh.

DEATH.

MAY—October 19, at Darjeeling at the residence of the Rev C Jordan, Mrs Selina May (The Seamen's Friend), after a protracted illness, aged 66 years.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** ALL communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the Editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1899.

THE sensational news concerning the progress of the war, cabled yesterday, was a report that Ladysmith had been invested by the Boers, who had also occupied Colenso. The report is said to have emanated from Brussels, a source which at once raises suspicion. The War Office knew nothing at all about such a succession of calamities, as such it would be. Our London correspondent, who throughout has relied very accurate intelligence, wired, only a few hours before the date of the telegram conveying the news, that Ladysmith was safe, and we think it is highly improbable that there is any truth in the report. The Boers are working down towards Colenso, and no doubt its occupation and the seizure of the railway are a reflex of their intentions. Whether they will be able to successfully carry out their plan of compaign remains to be seen; and at any rate, as an earnest of their endeavours, the telegraph wire at Ladysmith has been cut. The casualty list of Monday's engagement has arrived, and shows that the carnage must have been specially severe. Six officers and 54 of the rank-and-file were killed, nine officers and 231 men being wounded. What the death-roll must have been in the force which surrendered, after sustaining a heavy conflict for seven hours, is dreadful to contemplate. A war correspondent has visited the battle-field, and saw twenty dead and over a hundred wounded men collected. The force would originally comprise about 1,100 men, and by a simple sum of addition it appears there are more men to be accounted for. The story of the disaster is gradually becoming clearer, and the surrender of this force was primarily due to the mules stampeding with the guns and ammunition reserve over to the enemy. The column was commanded by Colonel Carleton, who received orders to seize Nicholson's Nek with a view to detach a large force of Boers encamped at Dewdorp Farm. According to the telegram he was sent out during Sunday night, and on the march he was attacked, the Boers firing and also rolling boulders down the sides of the hills. To these noises is attributed the stampede of the mules of the mountain battery, and the *Times* suspects that the latter relic of ancient warfare was a signal to the Cape muleboys, who are alleged to have been guilty of treachery. According to the same authority Colonel Carleton would have been wise if he had retired, but he determined to carry out orders, and engage the enemy's right flank until reinforced. He seized the hill parallel to the stream, erected sangars, and awaited the enemy. The latter surrounded the position and commenced the attack at daybreak. The result is known; what cannot yet be understood is the fact that, apparently, no attempt was made to relieve the beleaguered force! It is presumable that their danger might easily have been surmised, as Sir George White reported the force as missing in his official telegram to the War Office. The retirement of the main body took place at 2 p. m.: an hour later the gallant band had to lay down their arms. There is no doubt the enemy strongly attacked Sir George White's troops, as the 53rd Battery temporarily lost two guns. We must wait to know what prevented General White from sending assistance, for, if aid could have been rendered, the isolated troops should have been relieved. The curious point is: what happened to the line-of-communication between Sir George White and his left flank; and in the opinion of military experts at home, if explanations are forthcoming concerning the failure to keep up communications with the captured column, then Sir George White's conduct of the compaign, considering everything, will bear scrutiny. Meanwhile the Press defers judgment. Sir George White's frank avowal of responsibility has evoked the admiration and sympathy of the American and Colonial Press, sentiments which our Continental rivals do not withhold. The recent speeches by English politicians have referred to the reverse as lamentable, but as one that will only make the overthrow of the power of the Transvaal more certain. Lord Rosebery, speaking at Edinburgh, said: "We, as usual, begin badly"—a painful truism which has marked the history of nearly all our campaigns; and it occurs to everybody but the authorities that the necessity does not exist for such unpreparedness in the face of emergencies. We have now some idea of part of the future operations of Sir Redvers Buller. A force is being organised for the immediate relief of Kimberley, the troops concentrating at DeAar, situated a little to the south-west of the Orange Free State, which will be invaded at that point. At this junction and at Hope Town, which is nearer the objective, there is already a considerable body of troops, comprising the Northumberland Fusiliers, Yorkshire Light Infantry, Berkshires, and Munsters. In addition one regiment of cavalry from India was sent to Cape Town, and, no doubt, it has been ordered up to this locality, as would probably be the destination of the Naval Brigade from the fleet at Simon's Bay. Preparations are being rapidly forwarded, and it is obvious that these operations will not only relieve the strain on Kimberley and Mafeking, but will detach a number of Free Staters from Ladysmith to defend their own borders. In the meantime, President Kruger's prophecy concerning the subjection of his country being obtained only at a price that will stagger the world is daily becoming more realistic. Reuter states, on the authority of the *Daily News*, that when the

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(OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

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ALL SATISFACTORY AT LADYSMITH.

LONDON, Nov. 2, 1-30 P.M.

The latest report states that all was well at Ladysmith at 9-30 this morning.

THE LADYSMITH DISASTER.

THE SCENE OF BATTLE.

HEAVY CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Nov. 2, 4-25 P.M.

There are further particulars as to the disaster which occurred at Ladysmith on Monday.

The war correspondent of the *Central News* has visited the scene where the conflict took place.

He saw twenty dead and over one hundred wounded collected, and it is computed that the prisoners total at 870.

The troops fought for seven hours before they were compelled to surrender by reason of want of ammunition.

THE TELEGRAPH AT LADYSMITH CUT.

LONDON, Nov. 3, 12-35 A.M.

The Boers are continuing their movement southwards.

The authorities have been officially informed that the telegraph at Ladysmith has been cut since two o'clock yesterday afternoon.

GENERAL BULLER'S PLANS.

FREE STATE TO BE INVADED

IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR KIMBERLEY.

LONDON, Nov. 2, 10-35 P.M.

A telegram has been received from DeAar, south of the Orange Free State, dated Wednesday, relating to the plans of General Sir Redvers Buller.

It is evident that part of his force will concentrate at DeAar for the purpose of invading the Free State.

Preparations are incessantly going on, and thousands of mules conveying war material are being hurried forward.

The force is being organised for the immediate relief of Kimberley, and after clearing out the enemy it will continue its march to Mafeking.

THE LADYSMITH BATTLE.

LIST OF OFFICERS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

HEAVY DEATH-ROLL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Nov. 3, 2-20 A.M.

The casualty list in the first attack of the Boers on Ladysmith has just been received. Six officers were killed and nine wounded. Amongst the rank-and-file there were 54 killed and 231 wounded, which numbers are exclusive of the missing men.

The following are the names of the officers either killed or wounded :—

13TH BATTERY, R.F.A.

Wounded : Major Dawkins, slightly.

42ND BATTERY, R.F.A.

Killed : Lieutenant MacDougall.

69TH BATTERY, R. F. A.

Wounded : Lieutenant Belcher, severely.

1ST BAT., KING'S ROYAL RIFLES.

Killed : Major Myers, Lieutenant Marsden, and Lieutenant Forster.

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1ST BAT., IRISH FUSILIERS.

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1ST BAT., GLOUCESTER REGIMENT.

Wounded : Captain Willcock, Captain Pyffe, and Captain Stayner, severely.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Killed : Major Edward Gray.

NATAL MOUNTED RIFLES.

Killed : Lieutenant Chapman.

THE LADYSMITH DISASTER.

DUE TO TREACHERY.

ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL SYMPATHY.

GENERAL WHITE'S PLAN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, Nov. 3.

The London correspondent of the *Pioneer* wires :—

The second objective of Colonel Carleton's ill-fated column was to seize Nicholson's Nek at the narrow part of Bellspruit Tributary of the Klip River, which takes its rise a few miles from Ladysmith.

The General's orders were to sever from the main body a large force of Boers encamped at Dewdorp Farm.

Possibly rolling boulders formed the signal for the Cape mule-boys, whom the *Times* gravely suspects of treachery.

After the stampede of the mules it would have been wiser to have retired to Ladysmith, but Colonel Carleton, doubtless, determined to follow out orders and engage the enemy's right flank until reinforced. Meanwhile he seized the hill parallel to the stream, erected sungars, and received the attack at daybreak from an encircling force of Boers with bayonets fixed.

The troops husbanded their hundred rounds of ammunition for ten hours, but at length the enemy, strongly reinforced, pressed the Gloucesters back, and, at shortened range, rapidly finished the deadly tussle.

The number of killed is unreported.

No messages have been received since Sir George White's ill-worded despatch of Tuesday night. It is explained that the East African wire via Delagoa Bay has been broken.

For the time being Ladysmith messages, while the Government line ceases to work, will arrive through Pondoland, East London, and Capetown. Correspondents are restricted to 200 words daily, and meanwhile the nation is bearing the present reverse with an equanimity which evokes the warmest eulogy from the Continental Press. The French Press particularly admires Sir George White's ready acceptance of the blame, and the sympathy expressed in the American and the Colonial Press is widespread and sincere, and the Canadians offer a second contingent.

Pending details of the action at Ladysmith home opinion is tolerant. Experts assert that, if explanations are forthcoming concerning the failure to keep up communications with the captured column, then Sir George White's conduct of the campaign, considering everything, will bear scrutiny.

Lord Rosebery, speaking at Edinburgh last night, said :—"We, as usual, begin badly, owing to some mysterious maleficent influence, which prevails over our preparations." "It may," he continued, "cost more battalions and undreamt-of-millions ; but one thing is certain : we mean to see the thing right through."

Among others with Major Donegan's sick and wounded left at Glencoe were :—Conductor Tocher, Commissariat Department ; Assistant Surgeons Gibson, Green, Duckworth and Hart ; and ten nursing orderlies of the West Riding, with bearers and followers,—all of whom left Bangalore early in the crisis, with No. 18 British Field Hospital, under Major Donegan.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

NAVAL LIEUTENANT WOUNDED.

LONDON, Nov. 2, 5-10 P.M.

General White telegraphs from Ladysmith that Lieut. Egerton of H. M. S. Powerful has been dangerously wounded this (Thursday) morning by a shell.

The above is the only despatch received to-day.

GENERAL WHITE REPORTED WOUNDED

LADYSMITH INVESTED.

LONDON, Nov. 2, 11-35 P.M.

The Governor of Natal telegraphs that communication with Ladysmith has been interrupted since 2-30 p.m. this afternoon.

A report, emanating from Brussels, states that the Boers have occupied Colenso, and completely invested Ladysmith.

The same report also states that General White has been wounded.

The British War Office is not aware of anything to confirm this.

THE WOUNDED AT DUNDEE.

The name of Major Campbell, King's Royal Rifles, is added to the list of wounded at Dundee.

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WINTER MANŒUVRES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, Nov. 3.

It is notified that, in consequence of the scarcity at Ferozepore, Multan, Umballa, Meerut, Jubbulpore, Kamptee, and Quetta, the winter manœuvres have been countermanded ; also the manœuvres proposed for the troops in the Mhow, Neemuch, Nusseerabad, Kamptee, and Sind Districts.

Certain modified manœuvres will now be carried out in Northern India upon a smaller scale, while the troops at Poona will move into camp at Karaksala Lake ; and all the British troops of the four commands, not taking part in camps-of-instruction, will go into hard training in the vicinity of their cantonments to give the men healthy exercise and a change, and to admit of the cleaning and purification of the barracks from the deleterious effects of continued occupation.

It is now improbable that the Rawalpindi troops will be moved to Attock for the manœuvres, but the artillery camp and siege operations will be carried out at Pur. The Barkatha Camp will be held as previously arranged, the batteries assembled at Barkatha being subsequently joined by the Black Watch, the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, the Northamptons, 17th and 18th Bengal Infantry, and the 43rd Gurkhas.

SERVICE NOTES.

Lieutenant Ames, 9th Madras Infantry, is detailed for plague duty in Bombay ; also Lieutenants Martin and Stewart, 4th Infantry, Hyderabad Contingent, Bunbury, 40th Pathans, and Knolys, 5th Punjab Infantry, for plague duty in the Central Provinces.

Accommodation being found to be available in the Dilwara owing to the stoppage of some reliefs, this troopship will be utilised for conveying a number of invalids home.

Major Wood, Assistant to the Inspector-General of Ordnance, Bombay, is granted has one year's leave home on private affairs.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RESOLUTION ON EDUCATION.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE TO BE ENCOURAGED.

An exceedingly noteworthy Resolution on Education has to-day been issued. It declares that Provincial Inspecting Agencies generally are insufficient, and, while deprecating the laying of extra burden on District Officers, directs that the fulfilment of the duty of such officers to help by inspecting primary schools in their charge must be insisted upon. Local Governments also, the Resolution states, must recognise their responsibilities regarding reducing the variations, which now exist, in the standards both of the Matriculation and Degree Examinations in the Indian Universities. In other respects the Government of India insist that advanced education must be more and more left to private effort, adding that the increase during the past five years in contributions from Provincial Revenues to colleges under public management, simultaneous as this has been with but slight rise in fees, is inconsistent with this policy. The Resolution selects the North-West Provinces Government as the "most manifest transgressor in this respect," but strongly criticises also the attitude of Madras, as shown by a speech made in 1894 by Lord Wenlock whose declaration, referring to high schools, that it is only natural that Government should be a little more tender-hearted to its own particular child than to competing private institutions, the Resolution characterises as appropriate only "in the head of a rival concern", whereas the intention of the Government of India is to avoid entering into competition with private enterprise. The Resolution further reminds local Governments that the declared policy of the Government of India is "to gradually withdraw from direct management of secondary schools," though they will still be agreeable to one such Government school being kept up in each district as a model. The Government of India further point out that public funds are being "utilised unduly" for the support of English, as opposed to Vernacular, education, and they draw attention to the failure in most provinces to carry out the directions given for the establishment as an alternative to literary studies, of practical curriculums, leaving school examinations to fit youths for commerce and other non-literary pursuits. On the other hand the Resolution finds the progress unsatisfactory with primary education, which is described as having the "chief claim on the State," and being insufficient alike as regard the amount of grants and the number of pupils. The information before the Government points to such primary education as does exist being good in quality in the Central Provinces, Bombay and Madras, whereas in Bengal, where it is cheapest, it is least efficient. Upon this subject, however, further information is called for, and the suggestion is indicated that the present system may have too much in it of cramming. Attention is further called to the lowness of the progress made with female education. Regarding Normal Schools for educating both primary and secondary teachers, the local Governments are reminded of the recommendations of the Education Commission. Referring to scholarships and arrangements ordered to enable youths of proved ability to rise from the lowest to the highest grade of instruction, the Resolution points out that directions have been given for preference to be afforded to secondary education being overlooked, both in Madras and Bengal, while they are not receiving sufficient consideration elsewhere, and the Government of India must insist on their orders being observed. Summing up the Resolution declares that, besides, "in many respects, neglecting the principles laid down by the Government of India regarding education, Local Governments have also diverted themselves of the responsibility and left educational administration in the hands of subordinate authorities, or of irresponsible and sometimes incompetent persons. The contradictory and chaotic condition of provincial management, and the inadequacy of training schools and colleges, is also enlarged upon, and the Resolution calls for special reports on each point, categorically, with view to a remedy being applied.

HONOURING A PARSEE CAPTAIN.

PATIALA, Nov. 3.

Patiala was yesterday *en fete*, and the Durbar convened by the Maharaja was very largely attended. The gathering included many European visitors and the members of the Parsee Cricket Team. The hall presented a gay scene, the various uniforms of the State mingling in profusion with the more conventional evening dress of the visitors.

The occasion was taken advantage of by the Maharaja as an opportunity to show his appreciation of the services of A. H. Mehta, the well-known cricketer, whom he has promoted to the rank of captain in his army.

During the speech given by the Maharaja on the conclusion of the Durbar he alluded to Captain Mehta in terms of the highest satisfaction.

In reply Captain Mehta expressed his gratitude for the honour conferred upon him.

Captain Kanga of the Parsee team also thanked His Highness for the honour conferred upon the eleven.

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BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

POONA, Nov. 3.

2nd-Lieutenant Coleridge, Unattached List, on return from leave out of India, will be attached to the 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots, to complete his year's duty with a British regiment.

Under instructions received from the War Office, it is notified that Captain Bray, on promotion to that rank from 2nd-Lieutenant, has been posted to No. 4 Company, Eastern Division, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Captain Poole, No. 19 Company, Eastern Division, has been posted to No. 18 Company, Southern Division, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Under instructions received from Army Head-quarters, India, it is notified that Captain Palmer, No. 11 Company, Western Division, Royal Garrison Artillery, has been appointed Adjutant, Royal Artillery, Aden.

Captain Smith, I.M.S., is confirmed in appointment of Medical Officer, Loralai Outpost, with effect from April, vice Captain Hore, I.M.S. (Bengal), transferred to the Foreign Department.

The undermentioned officers are qualified for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant :—

1st Battalion, Norfolk Regiment—2nd-Lieutenants Mostyn and Clifford.

Under instructions received from the War Office, it is notified that Non-Commissioned Officers of Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery, who are candidates for posting to the permanent staff of Position Batteries, Volunteer Artillery, need not now be qualified in infantry drill as laid down in Para. 54, Section 49, Royal Artillery Standing Orders.

To enable the Civil and Military Examination Committee, Bombay, to comply with the orders contained in Para 2 of G. O. C. C. No. 670, of 1899, it is directed that Local Committees will, in the future, state distinctly, in the examination proceedings of each candidate for the Higher Standard in Urdu whether the candidate has previously passed the examination by the Lower Standard or not.

The under mentioned are reported to have passed the required examinations in the following languages :—Urdu, Higher Standard—Captain Krishnaji Vishnu Kukday, I. M. S., 2nd Lieutenant Hicks-Sadler, Royal Garrison Artillery ; Lieutenant Lovis., Royal Garrison Artillery ; Lieutenant Parker, 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment ; Lieutenant Burne, Wiltshire Regiment ; 2nd Lieutenant Baker, 22nd Bombay Infantry : 2nd Lieutenant Maxwell, 27th Bombay Infantry.

Urdu Lower Standard—Captain Taylor, R. A. M. C. ; Lieutenant Tucker, I. M. S. Lieutenant Worsley, 1st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, 2nd Lieutenant McConaghy, (unattached) 1st Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment ; 2nd Lieutenant Marjoribanks, 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment ; Lieutenant McDonald, 1st Batalion East Kent Regiment.

Persian Lower Standard Captain Garway, Royal Irish Regiment.

Pushtu-Lower Standard.—Major Du Boulay, R.G.A. ; Captain Withams, 20th Hussars ; Captain Kaye, Royal Artillery ; Lieutenant Typell, Royal Artillery ; Lieutenant Lowis, Royal Artillery ; Lieutenant Blair, 23rd Bombay Rifles ; Lieutenant Burns, 1st Wiltshire Regiment ; Lieutenant Pocock, 19th Bombay Infantry ; Lieutenant McHarg, R. C., Military Works. Lieut. Watson, I.M.S. ; 2nd Lieut. McLaughlin, unattached list, attached, Suffolk Regiment, School Mistress Barnes, Wiltshire Regiment.

Pushtu, Obligatory Test Go O.C.C., 809 of 198—Lieut. Hughes, 5th Bombay Cavalry, Marathi Obligatory Test Lieut. B. O. Ollwood, 1st Bombay Lancers, Lieut. Elderton, 8th Bombay Infantry ; Capt. Barrard, 21st Bombay Infantry, Lieut Hunter, 16th Bombay Infantry, Capt. Jacob, 16th Bombay Infantry.—Chinese Colloquial—Captain Ducat, 4th Bombay Cavalry.

The undermentioned officers have been permitted by the Secretary of State for India to return to duty :—Lieutenant-Colonel Birdwood, 10th Bombay Light Infantry, Major Turner, 26th Bombay Infantry, Captain Britten, 10th Bombay Light Infantry, Captain Griffith, 2nd Bombay Lancers, Lieutenant Corry, R. E. ; and 2nd Lieut Coleridge unattached list.

The undermentioned officer is granted leave to proceed out of India on private affairs :—Captain McCornick, R. E. Garrison Engr, Military Works, for one years' leave pay service, twelfth year commenced, 27th July.

The undermentioned officer is granted leave to proceed out of India on medical cerificate :—Lieutenant Dunscombe, Staff Corps, Wing Officer 28 Bombay Pioneers for six months, pension service tenth year, commenced 8th October, 1899.

The undermentioned Warrant Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India on medical certificate :—Conductor Chaloner. Military Works Department, for twelve months.

Leave out of India is granted to Lieut. Wyllie, 2nd Batt. Welsh Regt. in Command Order No. 579 of 1899 is converted into leave in and out of India.

The undermentioned Officers and Warrant Officers have leave of absence :—Major Guilding, Deputy Assist. Adjut. General, Sind District, Essex Regt., 8 months, Private affairs, out of India ; Lieut. Dunca 2nd Batt. Royal Scots, 6 months on medical certificate out of India ; Lieut. Wyatt, No. 7 Battery Mountain Division, Royal Garrison Artillery up to 12th October, 1899 on private affairs, out of India ; Lieutenant Stewart, 39th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, up to 12th November 1899, on private affairs out of India, in extension of leave granted in Bombay Command Order No. 702 of 1898 ; 4th Class Assistant Surgeon F. J. Clapham, Indian Subordinate Medical Department, four months ; Major Turner, 26th Bombay Infantry, one week on private affairs ; Captain Battiscombe, 9th Bombay Infantry, 2 months on medical certificate.

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ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Oct. 20.

PARLIAMENT AND THE WAR.

THE special Session of Parliament—for, contrary to their original intention, the Government have in deference to the wishes of the Opposition consented to this being considered a complete session—commenced on Tuesday. The Queen's Speech read on the occasion was unusually brief, consisting of merely four paragraphs. The first paragraph explained the reason for Peers and Commons being called together within a very brief period after the recent prorogation. Then, in substitution of the stereotyped phrases about Her Majesty being on terms of friendship with Foreign Powers, came the following :—"Except for the difficulties that have been caused by the action of the South African Republic, the condition of the world continues to be peaceful." The third paragraph, addressed merely to the Commons, formally announced that measures would be introduced for the purpose of providing for the war expenditure though the word 'war' was not once mentioned throughout the document. The concluding paragraph mentioned that domestic legislation would be considered at a later period. In the House of Lords the address in reply to the Royal Speech was moved by the Marquis of Granby, who has been called up to the hereditary chamber in the lifetime of his father, the venerable and the respected Duke of Rutland, and seconded by Lord Barnard, who succeeded to one of the minor titles of the late Duke of Cleveland. Lord Kimberley, as leader of the Opposition, Lord Salisbury, as head of the Government, Lord Loch, as a former distinguished High Commissioner, the Earl of Camperdown, as—the Earl of Camperdown, and Lord Selborne as Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, took part in the debate, which according to tradition finished in time to enable their lordships to return home comfortably to dress for dinner. Lord Kimberley's attitude was exactly what might have been anticipated. War having broken out the Opposition would, he said, be equally ready with the supporters of the Government to sanction all measures necessary to uphold the interests of the Empire. Lord Kimberley, also gave utterance to the general feeling of the country when he commented on the satisfactory results of the calling-out of the Reserves, as evidenced by the extremely small number of defaulters ; and had only one piece of criticism, namely the old complaint against the New Diplomacy. He thinks, as many people do, that the success of negotiations is endangered by conducting them *coram populo* notwithstanding Lord Salisbury's ingenious defence :—"The constitutional conditions under which we live make the conduct of negotiations much more difficult than they were formerly ; and there are occasions on which absolute secrecy cannot be observed without sacrificing a great source of power." There may be something in this, but somehow or other 'absolute secrecy" is observed at the Foreign Office just as much as ever it was. Indeed the complaint against the Foreign Office is that its diplomacy is not "new" enough. Lord Salisbury by the action of the Boer Government found himself relieved of the duty of explaining why we are at war. "They had", he said, "done that which no provocation on our part could have justified ; they had done that which the strongest nation had never in its strength done to any opponent it had challenged ; they had issued a defiance so audacious that he could hardly depict it adequately without using strong words not suited to that assembly ; and they had by so doing liberated Her Majesty's Goverment from the necessity of explaining why we were at war." After remarking that the Government had until lately believed in the possibility of peace being maintained, Lord Salisbury said :—"I believe it is largely due to Mr. Kruger—I do not say it to blame him,—it is largely due to his peculiar character, and to the idea, which he has pursued, that the moment has arrived for deciding whether the future of South Africa is to be a growing and increasing Dutch supremacy, or a safe, perfectly-established supremacy of the English people. To the state of things established by the Convention of 1881 or 1884, whatever it may have been, we can never return. We can never consent, while we have the strength to resist it, to be put into the same position which we have held in South Africa for the last 17 or 18 years. With regard to the futures there must be no doubt that the sovereign power of England is paramount ; there must be no doubt that the white races will be put upon an equality ; and that due precaution will be taken for the philanthropic and kindly and improving treatment of those countless indigenous races of whose destiny, I fear, we have been too forgetful. Those things must be insisted upon in the future. By what means they will be obtained I do not know ; I hope they may be consistent with a very large autonomy on the part of that race which values its individual share in the Government so much as the Dutch people do. But with that question we have no concern at present. We have only to make it clear that the great objects which are essential to the power of England in Africa, to the good Government of the country, and to the rights of all races, are the objects which the British Government, with the full support of the nation without distinction of party, is now pursuing, and which they will thoroughly pursue and preserve to the end." Lord Salisbury thinks that it has been the dream of Mr. Kruger's life to get rid of the word "suzerainty" and "the reality which it expresses"—a belief that is now very generally entertained in this country, and which seems to find support in the two extraordinary letters addressed to the "Times" within the past week by a Cape Dutchman now in Europe. The only other notable feature of the debate was Lord Loch's declaration in favour of annexation, not only of the Transvaal, but of its neighbour and ally, the Orange Free State.

IN THE COMMONS.

Although the Gilded Chamber was inconveniently crowded as Professor Kirkham, an eager listener in the public gallery, could I daresay testify, naturally the most interest centred in the House of Commons, which was besieged by would-be spectators in a manner unparalleled in the lifetime of the present Parliament. The address was moved by Sir A. Acland-Hood and seconded by Colonel Royds. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's speech differed somewhat from that of Lord Kimberley. In the first part the leader of the Opposition fully admitted the necessity thrown upon the Government by the impossible Boer ultimatum, and praised the selection of the Generals, mentioning by name, amid loud cheers, Sir Redvers Buller, Sir George White, and Sir A. Hunter. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman differed from Lord Kimberley in being more critical. For detailed criticism of the conduct of the Government the time had not yet come, and the country must wait for further information and explanations. But he mentioned one or two causes which had contributed, in his opinion, to the defeat of the efforts of the Government to arrive at a peaceful solution. In the first place, he said, amid loud cries of dissent, the Government had been engaged in a game of bluff, a not very worthy game at any time and one which might lead to a war, which was neither desired nor intended. This policy of bluff had irritated the Boers and increased their not unnatural suspicions. The next contributing cause which he had in his mind was the unnecessary and inept raising of the question of suzerainty, which did more than anything else to exacerbate public opinion among the Boers. In the concluding portion of the right hon. gentleman's speech, he asked why so long an interval was allowed to elapse after the door was shut in September on the franchise proposals before fresh proposals were made by the Government, and he appealed to the leader of the House to repeat the assurance that, throughout the negotiations, the Government had not been actuated by any unworthy desire to avenge past military disasters or by the wish to establish the political superiority of Englishmen over Dutchmen at the Cape. The consequences of this unhappy war he viewed with apprehension.—Mr. Balfour in afighting speech said, if it really was alleged that the Government had been guilty of errors, let those errors be pointed out without delay in the presence of the representatives of the people, so that Ministers might refute the charges brought against them. He ridiculed the suggestion that the delay in presenting proposals after September 22 had accelerated the outbreak of war, one of Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman's points. Delay was far more likely to make for peace. Bluffing was not the position of the Government, who held the cards and meant to use them. The despatch of troops to the Cape during the last few months had been necessary in order to protect our possessions in case of emergency. No menace or brag was involved in that policy, and in fact the Government had been most reluctant to do anything which the most suspicious or irritable of politicians might construe as a threat. If, he asked, we were engaged in a "piratical war"—"piratical" it will be remembered was Mr. John Morley's word—would the colonies join our cause, offer us their resources, and aid us with their troops. Sir Charles Dilke, who incidentally questioned the expediency of withdrawing troops from India, and Sir H. Maysey-Thompson continued the discussion. Mr. Dillon's amendment, declaring that the war was to be ascribed to the assertion of claims which were in direct violation of the Convention of 1884, and submitting that recourse should be had to arbitration for the purpose of settling the differences between the two Governments, was seconded by Mr. Labouchere and rejected by 322 to 54. Twenty Liberals and "Labours" voted with the minority, including Mr. John Burns, Mr. Thomas Bart, and Sir William Wedderburn. Mr. Maclean voted against the amendment as did also about 40 members of the Opposition, including Mr. Asquith, and Sir Henry Fowler. Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, Sir W. Harcourt, Mr. Morley, Mr. Bryce, and Mr. Courtney did not vote.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON HIS DEFENCE.

The debate on Mr. Philip Stanhope's amendment, directly arraigning Mr. Chamberlain by expressing strong disapproval of the conduct of the negotiations with the Government of the Transvaal, which had involved us in hostilities with the two South African Republics, occupied two whole sittings. Mr. Stanhope's seconder was Mr. Samuel Evans, a barrister, and one of the wrong men of the Welsh party, who distinguished himself by attacking Lord Rosebery's recent reference to the settlement adopted after Majuba. Hit Mr. Evans said that the letter in question had caused every Liberal to blush, and his remarks that the writer of the much-criticised document was once the leader of the Liberal party, and probably aspired to be so again, was received with shouts of "Never !" Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. Morley and Sir W. Harcourt all took part in the debate, but the speech of the latter was by far the best effort on the Liberal side, and was even praised by Mr. Chamberlain. The latter was in strong form, and his "great speech," as Mr. Balfour subsequently called it, was not unworthy of the first of living debaters. Whether he succeeded in making many converts, as he expressed his desire to do, I cannot say, but fewer Liberals voted with the Government than supported them on the opening night of the Session. Further it is said that Sir William Harcourt had decided not to vote at all, but felt compelled to support the amendment after listening to Mr. Chamberlain's defence. Sir Edward Clarke, who made a notable speech against the Government, did not vote either way, but both Mr. Maclean and Mr. Courtney went with the minority. The Liberal leaders were more divided than on Monday. Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. Asquith, and Mr. Herbert Gladstone did not vote at all. Sir W. Harcourt, Mr. Morley, and Mr. Bryce voted for the amendment. Sir Henry Fowler and Sir Edward Grey, with Lord Rosebery's henchmen (Mr. Hildsae and Mr. Munro Ferguson), voted with the Government. Does this voting foreshadow a further cleavage in the Liberal party.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

As I am writing, particulars, though as yet not very full, are coming in with reference to the battle fought yesterday. While universal regret is expressed at the fate of General Symons, the general result of the fight has been received with great enthusiasm, even by those who still think that, with wiser statesmanship and more skilful diplomacy, we might have got what we wanted without war. There are those who predict that before Sir Redvers Buller lands the Transvaal will be completely in our hands. This, perhaps, is too much to expect ; but the gallant defence of Mafeking is very encouraging, and even our Continental critics are beginning to change their tone.

MR. STEAD AND MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

In the course of the debate on Mr. Philip Stanhope's amendment reference was made to the new *brochure* that the enterprising Mr. W. T. Stead has written, and published under the title "Are we in the Right ? An appeal to Honest Men." In one of the chapters, headed "The Genesis of a crime and its Nemesis," the author maintains that President Kruger had abundant justification for believing Mr. Chamberlain to be "up to the neck" in the Raid. Whether Mr. Chamberlain was in it or not—the bulk of responsible persons scout the idea that he had anything to do with it —does not matter for Mr. Stead's purpose ; all he wishes to know is that the President of the Transvaalers had grounds for believing that the Secretary of State for the Colonies and Mr. Cecil Rhodes were confederates. The list of the things that Mr. Kruger heard, as compiled by Mr. Stead, is a long one, but it will bear repetition as bringing together all that can be affirmed or suggested about the Raid. Mr. Stead's list is as follows :—

1. That Mr. Chamberlain gave Mr. Rhodes the jumping-off place for the raiders to use.
2. That he hastened the transfer of the mounted police to Dr. Jameson.
3. That the plot was communicated (*a*) to Sir Graham Bower, the Imperial Secretary ; and (*b*) to Mr. Newton, the Imperial Magistrate on the frontier.
4. That for a month or so before the Raid cablegrams were constantly passing between Mr. Rhodes and his emissaries in London, who kept the Colonial Office in touch with the plot.
5. That Mr. Chamberlain insisted that Dr. Jim's men should go in under the Union Jack.
6. That on November 4 Mr. Fairfield, of the Colonial Office, wrote a letter advising removal of the Imperial troops before the "ugly row" began.
7. That just before the Raid a cable was received in Cape Town from a friend of Mr. Rhodes in London, who, after a long interview with Mr. Chamberlain, telegraphed "Hurry up".
8. That a similar cable was received from another friend, as the result of a pressing intimation from the Colonial Office, that it would be better to get the "ugly row" over as the Venezuelan trouble was threatening.
9. That Dr. Jameson told Sir John Willoughby that Mr. Chamberlain approved of the Raid.
10. That Sir John Willoughby told his officers that the "Imperial authorities approved,"
11. That the officers were afterwards restored to the Regular Army.
12. That Mr. Rhodes, when he came home to face the music, sent Mr. Hawksley to tell Mr. Fairfield of the existence of cablegrams establishing the complicity of the Colonial Office.
13. That after this Mr. Rhodes had two hours' talk with Mr. Chamberlain at the Colonial Office.
14. That, when Mr. Rhodes went back to South Africa, "Mr. Tatton Egerton, M. P., told him plainly that Mr. Chamberlain was in the conspiracy up to the hilt."
15. That it has been publicly stated in London, and never contradicted, that, when Mr. Tatton Egerton was confronted with the Colonial Secretary, he was asked, "Who told you I was in it?" "Rhodes himself," said Mr. Egerton. "The traitor!" was said to be Mr. Chamberlain's only reply.
16. That copies of the incriminating cables were furnished by Mr. Hawksley to Mr. Chamberlain, who kept them some days and then returned them.
17. That in 1897 the Committee of the House of Commons hushed up the whole matter, refusing to insist on the production of the cables.
18. That the Committee never asked for any of the letters that passed between Mr Chamberlain and Mr Hawksley.
19. That when Mr. Hawksley was about to answer questions they ordered him off the stand, and refused to allow him to give evidence.
20. That Mr. Chamberlain, after signing the report which declared Mr. Rhodes to be guilty of grave offences, got up in the House and said :—

"But as to one thing I am perfectly convinced, and that is, there has been nothing proved, and there exists nothing which affects Mr. Rhodes's personal character as a man of honour. So far as I am concerned, in considering the position of Mr. Rhodes, I dismiss entirely those charges which affect his personal honour."

21. That both political parties conspired to conceal the truth.
22. That Lord George Hamilton said, when praising the Liberal members for hushing up the scandal :—

"They behaved as Englishmen always behave in positions of responsibility. They declined to push the inquiry to a point which would endanger the supremacy of British rule in South Africa."

MR. MACLEAN, MP., AND THE WAR.

I have before me a full report of the meeting of the Cardiff Conservative Council held, on the 12th instant, to consider Mr. Maclean's attitude on the South African question. Although strong things were stated by some of the speakers, others adopted a milder tone, and the general feeling seems to have been one more of sorrow than anger. For example the Chairman (Mr. J. Herbert Cory) said they felt it extremely painful to have to differ from their excellent and able representative. "We all," said Mr. Cory, "admire Mr. Maclean's great ability and his fearless advocacy, and have the greatest respect for his personal qualities." One gentleman even went so far as to say that he agreed with many of Mr. Maclean's criticisms that nevertheless he was confident that the hon. gentleman would never be returned for Cardiff again. Another speaker, a Mr. Dicton, thought that they never had had a better member than Mr. Maclean, but he had gone wrong. A Mr. Veall reminded the meeting that Mr. Maclean was the man who won the seat for the Conservatives after it had been held by the other side for forty years, and that he was on the line he had taken, acting conscientiously. A Mr. [Charles Evans proposed that the portion of the resolution referring to Mr. Maclean should be eliminated. This gentleman, with engaging candour, said that the meeting was the first act in the drama that was going to end in the loss of a seat. The same thing happened when the Radicals held a meeting with regard to Sir Edward Reed, the previous member) and incurred the condemnation of Conservatives for attempting to dictate to him how he should vote on the Home Rule question. Now they were adopting an entirely different course. Mr. Evans does not seem to have an exalted opinion of some of his colleagues, for he proceeded to say that, out of gratitude to Mr. Maclean for his brilliant speeches during the election campaign which placed Cardiff in a position it had not occupied for many years, he would not leave their member to "face that mob." Dr. Corrigan, in seconding a motion to invite Mr. Maclean to address a future meeting of the Council, said he had not voted for the original resolution (declaring Mr. Maclean's views on the Transvaal question were not those of his constituents). In justice to Mr. Maclean, who had rendered brilliant service in the past, they ought to hear what he had to say if he wished to address them. Dr. Corrigan further expressed the opinion that, if Mr. Maclean had been on the platform and explained his views, they would have unanimously passed a vote of confidence in him. Eventually it was decided: "That, if Mr. Maclean desires to meet the Council, we will welcome him here. "In Monday's *Times* appears a long letter from Mr. Maclean addressed to the Cardiff Association. He denies in this letter any personal animosity to Mr. Chamberlain. "

scrutiny. The same man is strongly suspected if not absolutely known, to have secretly informed the enemy of all the British movements eighteen years ago. The censorship prohibitions are comparatively useless while these men are allowed to see everything and to communicate freely with the Free State Boers. A curious coincidence is that none of these suspected rebels visited Ladysmith on Friday, when a fight was expected, but dozens were here yesterday, holding secret meetings, which the police apparently are powerless to interfere with.

BOER REPULSE AT MAFEKING.

Capetown, October 19.—A telegram which has been received here from Kimberley, dated October 17, stated that all is well there. The message adds that Colonel Hore engaged the Boers at Mafeking on the 14th with great success, and that Mafeking was safe on the 15th.—Reuter's Special Service.

Capetown, Thursday, 10-15 a.m.—There is no longer any doubt that the Boers made an attack on Mafeking, and were completely repulsed. Colonel Hore led the sortie against the enemy. The previous estimates of the Boer killed are confirmed by an "Argus" despatch.

Colonel Hore brought his Maxims into play upon the enemy, and they did heavy execution. Colonel Hore's movement is described as a dashing one. The news has been received here with enthusiasm.

A message has also come through this morning from Kimberley. The tone there was cheerful when the despatch was sent away. The men were eagerly waiting the opportunity to get at the enemy.—Central News.

Capetown, October 19.—A "CapeTimes" despatch from Kimberley states that according to trustworthy information from Mafeking an armoured train reconnoitred on Saturday last to the north, and engaged 500 Boers, who suffered heavily. The Fitz Clarence column foiled the Boers, inflicting severe loss upon them. The British casualties were two killed and fourteen wounded (two severely).—Reuter.

Capetown, Wednesday, 11-5 a. m.—It is rumoured here that news has reached De Aar Junction, and has been communicated to the troops there to the effect that the Boers attacked Mafeking in force and were repulsed. The defenders seeing the enemy in retreat followed up their advantage and pursued them for some distance. Then however a feint was made and they commenced to fall back upon the town, allowing themselves to be driven in by the enemy. The Boers eager to retrieve their position again, advanced to the attack and were drawn over the Lyddite mines, which had been laid for the defence of the town. The invaders suffered terribly. It is reported that one thousand five hudred of their number were killed.

Dalziel's correspondent at Pretoria, in a message of Tuesday's date, says:—"The water supply at Mafeking has been cut off during the day after due notice had been given to the authorities.

"After a few shots had been fired on the town a white flag was hoisted. A Boer party bearing a flag of truce, was sent in to inquire if the town surrendered. No definite reply was received, the burgher messenger being detained for six hours, blindfolded, and then released.

"The Boer Krupp batteries are now covering the town. Military engineers have been observed laying a temporary railroad, which will probably be used in an armoured train defence by the garrison."

Reuter's Agency has received from Pretoria the following telegram, dated October 18, 11-40 a.m.:—

"After five hours' detention Reverdi was sent back to the Boer camp late last night. He was blindfolded on entering and leaving Mafeking."

This telegram, which obviously refers to the incident mentioned by Dalziel's correspondent, points to some sort of parleying between Mafeking and the Boer forces, and has evidently arrived in advance of a previous explanatory despatch delayed in transmission or stopped altogether by the Boer censor. Everitt returned to the Boer camp on Sunday night, and it would appear that it was on that day that the water supply of Mafeking, according to Dalziel, was cut off.

Another message from Mafeking has reached the "Morning Post," having been sent via Beira. It is dated 5-15 on the evening of Thursday week, and in it the correspondent says:—"The Boers are advancing on Mafeking, but at the time of telegraphing there is absolutely no cause for anxiety on the part of the inhabitants."

THE DESTRUCTION ON AN ARMOURED TRAIN.

On Thursday last week an armoured train, which had taken women and children from Mafeking to Capetown, was returning to the former place with guns, when at Kraai Pan it was wrecked by the Boers, who tore up the railway. The train was in charge of Lieutenant Nesbitt and fifteen men, and they fought pluckily for several hours. An official despatch states:—

"The engine-driver and a native have escaped from the armoured train; former has been wounded in hand. Lieutenant Nesbitt, in command, was slightly wounded, and the party in train, number unknown, captured by Boers, and are believed to be unharmed.

"An armoured train which was sent to Vryburg with the two seven-pounder guns has returned to Kimberley safely, having handed over the guns to train which was lost."

The engine-driver of the pilot-engine, after making his escape from the Boers, got to the Maribogo Station (the next station south of Kraai Pan, where the fight had taken place), and telephoned his arrival to Vryburg. Thereupon an engine was sent out from Vryburg to bring him in. Maribogo has since been abandoned by the British. According to one account, Lieutenant Nisbett was wounded in the mouth. Engine-driver Booth, who drove the engine of the armoured train, had the fingers of one hand shot off. The other driver was slightly wounded in the face. A native platelayer is said to have been killed, and three other men wounded.

The "Cape Times" publishes the following despatch from Warrenton regarding the capture of the armoured train at Kraaipan.

"Flowerday, the engine-driver of the train, gives the following account of the affair:—

"I left Vryburg on Thursday evening in charge of a pilot engine attached to an armoured carriage containing 15 police, a small truck of ammunition, and a bogie truck containing two big guns and a quantity of Lyddite shells. All went well until the Maribogo siding was reached. Here we were warned that the Boers were in possession of the line at Kraaipan. Nothing, however, would dissuade the officer in command from proceeding, and it was agreed that I should run 40 yards ahead, carrying the ammunition. I proceeded slowly, until suddenly the engine left the rails. On examination I found that a pair of rails had been bodily removed. These we succeeded in replacing and then we tried by means of a jack, to lift the engine back into position. Our efforts had lasted about half an hour when the Boers commenced firing from a short close by. Several of our men were wounded and the enemy's bullets pierced the tender attached to the engine and thus allowed the water from the tank to escape. This gave us fresh hopes of replacing the engine on the line and getting back to the armoured carriage. If we had retreated immediately we could have easily returned to Maribogo, but Lieutenant Nesbitt was determined to reach Mafeking. All night the Boers were firing without effect, but at break of day they opened a regular bombardment, taking care, however, not to fire at the armoured carriage and the trucks of ammunition, and directing their shells against the engine only. At 5 o'clock we hoisted several flags of truce, but the firing continued for another 15 minutes. Not being anxious for captivity myself, I left the truck on the opposite side from the Boer position and crept away on my belly for some distance. I heard the clatter of horses and saw 50 Boers riding towards the engine, but partly covering myself with sand, I escaped notice. After that I crept away for fully a mile and a half, and then I fell asleep. At 9 o'clock I awoke and proceeded along the railway until I reached Maribogo. The Boers only fired six or seven shells at the engine, and I feel sure that the officers in command and the men are prisoners."

"Flowerday is terribly bruised and has four splinters of lead in his head."

October 17.—A message received at Capetown last night stated that the Boers seized the telephone at Modder River Station and attempted to speak with Kimberley for the purpose of learning the disposition of the British forces there, but the manœuvre was discovered.

An armoured train, under the command of Lieutenant Webster, of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, was sent out to reconnoitre. When it reached Spytfontein the Boer artillery began shelling it. They fired 15 shots, but their shooting was wretched and not a single shot struck the train, which thereupon approached nearer and opened fire with the Maxims upon the burghers, who returned a heavy rifle fire. Their shooting, however, was again wild, and only three or four bullets struck the train. It was afterwards learned that five Boers and two horses had been killed and several Boers wounded. Not one of the British was touched.

According to the Capetown correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, despatches from Kuruman state that the police having withdrawn from Vryburg, the town surrendered to the Boers. The inhabitants are fleeing in all directions, but mostly towards Kurman (in British Bechuanaland, about ninety miles from Vryburg). When the police withdrawn the the Cape Boers notified the fact to the enemy, thus inviting them to take possession. There was a fearful panic. The British are wildly indignant at this scuttling. It seems that Vryburg surrendered on Sunday.

THE NORTHERN CAPE BORDER.

BASUTOS ANXIOUS TO ATTACK THE BOERS.

BURGHERSDORP, October 17.—The railway employés on the line between Bethulie and Aliwal have been warned to remove their families, but the line is still intact. The bridge at Port Odendaalsroom, though guarded, is still open. Communication is maintained and business is proceeding. The Boers patrol the Free State side of the border. Their commando at Bethulie is said to number 1,200.

The Dutch at Aliwal are quiet. They will probably hold aloof if fighting occurs unless untoward circumstances arise. The anti-treason proclamation has had a good effect.

One hundred and fifty natives on their way to Basutoland from Johannesburg have arrived here. They had walked from Sterkstroom Junction. Eighty-seven of their numebr were destitute. They complained of having been robbed of their money by the Boers, first at Kroonstad, and then at Norvals Poort. Some of them stated that the Boers flogged them with sjambroks. Among them was the son of Lerothodi, the Basuto paramount chief. By order of the magistrate the natives were supplied with provisions. They left the town cheering the Queen and chanting their war songs.—Reuter's Special Service.

Capetown, October 17.—Reports have reached here that great irrigation prevails among the natives in Basutoland owing to the fact that many Basutos returning from the Goldfields have been robbed of their wages by Boers.—Reuter.

Maseru (Basutoland), October 17.—Persistent rumours are current that the Basutos are in a state of great excitement owing to accounts which they have received of the ill-treatment and robbery by Boers of Basutos returning from the goldfields. They have, besides, other grievances against the Boers which they are anxious to ventilate. Some discontent also exists in consequence of the restraint imposed upon the natives by the Basutoland Government. There are distinct signs of restlessness and anger against the Boers.

The commandos of the Free State have failed to enlist the sympathy of the Basutos. It is reported that the natives desire to be allowed to hold meetings to discuss matters immediately.—Reuter's Special Service.

A SWAZI RISING EXPECTED.

Private information reaches me (says the correspondent of the "Daily News" at Ladysmith) that the discontent in Swaziland is taking a form hostile to the Boers, who have quitted Bremersdorp precipitately. The Boers dread a Swazi rising. Many of the Dutch settlers in that country are preparing to leave, having already sent their wives and families into the Transvaal.

MR. CECIL RHODES AT KIMBERLEY.

The special correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" at Kimberley, in a despatch dated October 16, says:—Mr Rhodes reached Kimberley to-day. He was delayed by a slight accident. He passed the Modder River three hours after the ultimatum had expired, and a Boer party was only five miles distant from the station. Their spies were actually on the platform, but Mr. Rhodes "lay low," and was unrecognised. Had the Boers known him his capture would have been easy, as the line was undefended at this point.

REIGN OF TERROR IN JOHANNESBURG.

The Capetown correspondent of the "Daily News" on Saturday said:—A refugee from the Rand reports that the Mainreef Road is black with natives from the mines on their way to Natal. Many burghers are occupying the finest residences in Johannesburg, having effected a forcible entrance. Government officials have entered the few shops remaining open, and demanded the contents of the till. A reign of terror prevails, and murders and robberies are committed in broad daylight. The natives are leaving the Free State panic-stricken.

BOER TREASON-MONGERING AT THE CAPE.

Mr. Chamberlain has been notified by Sir Alfred Milner by telegraph that the following is the material part of a treasonable circular which was being circulated widely in the Cape Colony some weeks ago:—

Circular issued in English and Dutch, signed by Viljoen, Field Cornet, Johannesburg, headed "Appeal to Afrikanders, address to compatriots on both sides of the Orange River. Asks them to decide what they will do in the uncertain future, recites England's proceedings with regard to Slachtersneek, Diamond Fields, Jameson Raid. England desires to avenge Majoba and destroy Afrikander nation. Owing to existence of two independent Afrikander Republics the Afrikander in the Engli h Colonies is still tolerated. If Republics fall into hands of England Boers of Cape Colony and Natal will be disarmed. Hottentots will sit with them in Parliament. Wherefore men belonging to our race that live under the British flag Arrow and understand full well that the destruction of the Boer Republics means the destruction of the Afrikander nation. If the Republics go under the Afaikander will merely be referred to as a nation, that once existed. Know that in that event England's iron yoke will press upon and plague you to the last day. Wherefore I ask will you allow England to employ your Colony, your money, your cattle, yea, even yourselves to destroy your brothers and compatriots? Afrikanders be true to your people."

TRANSVAAL MANIFESTO TO AFRIKANDERS.

An official manifesto has been issued from Pretoria addressed to the Afrikanders of the whole of South Africa. The manifesto is a striking appeal to resist the unjust British demands. It accuses Lord Salisbury, Mr. Chamberlain, and Sir Alfred Milner, and blames Her Majesty for condoning what is described as Mr. Chamberlain's criminal policy. It also declares that it is perfectly clear that the desire and object of Great Britain is to deprive the Transvaal Republic of its independence on account of the gold mining industry on the Rand. The manifesto goes on further to say that Great Britain has offered two alternatives—a five-years' franchise or war. It points out that the difference between the two Governments of two years in the matter of the franchise has been considered as a sufficient justification for Her Majesty's Government to endeavour to swallow up the Republics; but it reminds the Afrikanders that God will assuredly defend the right. The manifesto is signed, "Francois Willem Reitz, Secretary of State." The manifesto has undoubtedly created a profound sensation. A million copies have been printed in Dutch and English.

TREASON PROCLAMATION.

A proclamation which bears the signatures both of Sir Alfred Milner and Mr. Schreiner was issued last week, declaring that inasmuch as a state of war exists between the Imperial Government on the one hand, and the Republics of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State on the other, it is expedient to remind British subjects and others of their duties and obligations to the Queen. The proclamation exhorts all persons to obey Her Majesty's Government, and to abstain from treasonable and seditious acts, and from all words and acts tending to excite disaffection. British subjects are warned not to enlist nor engage in the military service of either Republic, nor to aid, abet, or assist the prosecution of hostilities by the enemy, nor to carry or supply goods or wares to them. Anyone, it is declared, who shall commit such acts, is liable, on conviction, to the punishment provided by law.

MARTIAL LAW IN NORTHERN CAPE COLONY.

A Reuter telegram from Capetown, dated October 16, says: Martial law has been proclaimed at Kimberley, Herbert, Barkly West, Vryburg, Mafeking, and Taungs. All persons arriving here from the Republics complain of the wholesale robbery committed by Boers at frontier stations. In nearly every case the passengers' money was seized, the officials leaving them hardly sufficient to reach Capetown.

MILITARY PREPARATIONS AT HOME.

THE DESPATCH OF THE FIRST ARMY CORPS.

Orders have been issued that the despatch of the First Army Corps is to be completed as rapidly as possible. Commencing with to-day, six transports per day are to be loaded at Southampton until the entire Army Corps is embarked. This will mean the despatch of about nine thousand troops daily.

The Union Steamship Company's Moor, which leaves Southampton on Saturday for South Africa, will convey Lieutenant-General Lord Methuen, Major-General Sir W. F. Gatacre, and another general officer, about 60 Special Service officers, 291 non-commissioned officers and men of various regiments, and 208 naval ratings and marines. The steamer will take the mails and private passengers as usual.

It is officially announced that Major-General Sir H.B. Colvile and Captain Ruggles-Brise, Brigade Major with the 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards, will embark on October 25 for South Africa.

Telegraphic instructions have been received at Glasgow Barracks ordering the Scottish Rifles, Second Battalion, to sail from Glasgow for the Cape in the City of Cambridge on the 23rd, and the Second Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, now at Fort George, to sail on the 21st by the Allan liner Mongolian.

It is announced that in present circumstances 91 days of field allowance from the date of embarkation may be issued by the District Paymaster to warrant officers of the Home District going to South Africa on duty.

SIR REDVERS BULLER'S DEPARTURE.

Sir Redvers Buller and his staff left Southampton for the Cape on Saturday in the Dunottar Castle to take command at the front. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and a crowd of other celebrities assembled at Waterloo to bid him good-bye, and the concourse of sightseers was enormous, both there and at Southampton Docks. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

SCOTS GUARDS INSPECTED BY THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales, although not an officer of the Scots Guards, is a great friend of Colonel Fludyer, the commandant of the 1st Battalion, and he expressed a desire to inspect the battalion prior to its departure for active service in South Africa. It was accordingly arranged to parade the men on Tuesday morning. The function was practically a private one, and the spectators were almost entirely confined to relatives of and near friends of present and past officers of the regiment. The battalion was drawn up in line on its own parade ground in the rear of Chelsea Barracks to await the arrival of the Prince, and they made a magnificent show. The Reservists of the regiment have turned up in excellent condition, and they looked fit and smart in spite of their very recent return to the colours. The battalion was practically up to war strength with the exception of the Reservists who are due to come in to-day. The men wore their helmets and puggarees, but the officers had arranged to have a couple of non-commissioned officers in khaki, so that the Prince might form some idea of how the battalion would look when clad for active service. Among those present at the parade were Colonel Fludyer, regimental colonel; Colonel Jones, Major-General Trotter, commanding the Home District, Captain the Hon. J. H. R. Bailey, General Sir F. Stephenson, several former officers of the Scots Guards, Captain H. Lowther, Adjutant of the Battalion; Colonel Currie, Coldstream Guards; Mr. Bargrave Deane, Q.C., who has a son in the Battalion; Mr. Arthur Paget, Mrs. Fludyer, Sir C. and Lady Hastropp, Lady Stanley Clarke, and the Hon. Sidney Greville, Equerry to the Prince of Wales.

Shortly after ten o'clock the Prince drove on to the parade ground accompanied by the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, in Russian uniform, the Princes being attended by the Hon. Seymour Fortescue. The Prince wore the uniform of an officer of the staff. He was received with a Royal salute, which he acknowledged, and then proceeded to inspect the line, which he did with great care and in considerable detail bestowing particular attention on the two men in fighting dress. At the close of the inspection the Prince with a bevy of officers took up a position past which the battalion marched in fours. The men were then placed in quarter column to hear few words of farewell from His Royal Highness. The speech which was very brief could not be heard by the general body of spectators, but as nearly as could be gathered was in the following terms: I am exceedingly pleased to see such a muster as this of the Scots Guards. You are a fine body of men, and I am much impressed by your bearing and physique. I heartily congratulate Colonel Fludyer on his command of so creditable a battalion, and the force as a whole on its selection of foreign service. I am quite sure that you will fully maintain the high reputation achieved by the Brigade of Guards as a whole, as well as by the Scots Guards individually. Good-bye to you all, and God bless you. I wish you a safe and pleasant journey to South Africa, and a safe and early return.

Colonel Fludyer thanked the Prince in a few sentences for his gracious and inspiring words, and the parade was then broken up, after which His Royal Highness received all the officers in turn and bade them individual farewell. He remained for some time in conversation with Mrs. Fludyers, Mrs. Paget, and other ladies present and drove away with the Grand Duke and Commander Fortescue. As the Prince departed the officers on parade stood at the salute, and a crowd which had assembled at the barrack gates to witness the arrival of Reservists heartily cheered.

THE COLONIAL CONTINGENTS.

THE CANADIAN TROOPS.

At the Cabinet Council held at Ottawa on Friday last the Government decided to offer the Home Government 1,000 Canadian troops for service in South Africa, this being more than the number asked for. The Government also decided to offer to furnish as many more troops as may be required. A thousand men will be ready to start within ten days. The contingent will be equipped by the Canadian Government and transported to the place of debarkation, and on arrival will be attached to the Imperial Army.

Mr. Chamberlain has telegraphed to General Lord W. F. Seymour, commanding the military forces in Canada, with regard to acceptance of Canadian Infantry Volunteers for Service in South Africa, that he desires each Colony to be fairly represented. The telegram adds that the conditions underwhich the services of Volunteers will be accepted are—the troops to be shipped and disembarked in South Africa at the cost of the Colony; the Imperial Government to provide pay at Imperial rates, as well as all supplies and ammunition; the Imperial Government to defray the cost of return transportation to Canada, and to pay wound pensions and compassionate allowances at Imperial rates.

The Volunteers will mobilise on the 24th inst. at Quebec. There they will be reviewed by the Governor-General, the Earl of Minto, and they will embark on the 27th for Durban.

The Montreal correspondent of the "Morning Post" says that more evidence is shown that Canada is heart and soul with Great Britain in the Transvaal struggle The Dominion has expressed its willingness to raise a corps of physicians and male and female nurses to go to South Africa to look after the wounded. Enlistments for the corps have come in so strongly that it is believed that a number of similar organisations could be formed without difficulty were there any necessity for them. The offer shows the position of Canadians generally on a war was first suggested by civilians and in a large measure the movement is being controlled by them.

The entire talent of the Labour Party is the motion standing for the sanction of the House to the despatch of a Queensland contingent to South Africa, which the Government accepted as a motion of want of confidence, was defeated last night by 39 votes to 28, and the Premier's original proposal was carried amid much enthusiasm.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOYALTY.

The Governor of Western Australia telegraphed on Tuesday to the Colonial Office as follows:—

"Am requested by Legislative Council to forward following resolution passed this day for information of Her Majesty the Queen and Her Majesty's Government:—'That this House desires to express its loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty the Queen and its sympathy with Her Majesty's Government in the difficulties which have arisen in South Africa, and is of opinion that Western Australia should co-operate with the other Colonies of Australia in despatching a military force to the Transvaal."

Mr. Chamberlain has replied to Sir Gerard Smith, the Governor, as follows:—

"Her Majesty's Government have learnt with much satisfaction resolution passed by Legislative Council." The New Zealand military contingent for South Africa sails on the 21st inst. Arrangements are being completed for sending 125 infantry from Tasmania to the Cape. The contingent will sail on the Medic.

THE TRANSVAAL REFUGEES' FUND.

The Lord Mayor's Fund for the Transvaal Refugees on Thursday a mounted to £110,009.

ODDS AND ENDS OF WAR NEWS.

SUPPOSED SPY SHOT AT PRETORIA.

The "Daily News" correspondent at Capetown telegraphs:—The Pretoria police arrested a day or two ago an eccentric person known as Baron de Guinsberg on suspicion of possessing incriminating documents.

A court-martial was subsequently held, and various diagrams were produced, which were alleged to be plans of the local forts, and found in the prisoner's possession.

The death sentence was passed, and shortly after the accused was taken out and shot.

LATEST MAIL NEWS.

THE BATTLE AT GLENCOE.

GRAPHIC DETAILS.

Glencoe Camp, Oct. 20, 8-25 a.m.

As anticipated last night, the Boer attack upon this place opened at daybreak. The burghers had during the night brought up their artillery and got them into position on a hill overlooking Dundee.

At the first streak of dawn they opened fire, dropping shells near our position, making indifferent practice. Our guns at once replied.

Their artillery was no match for ours. Gun after gun was silenced, in and half-an-hour not a single Boer gun was replying to our own.

Then our Rifles were ordered out, and taking advantage of the ground kept up a hot fire.

The Boers answered from their position, but our men were too many for them, and after a prolonged struggle, the burghers fell back.

Our troops, rushing up the hill, captured the Boer entrenchments and five of their guns.—Central News Express Message.

Later.

The credit on the infantry side to-day must be accorded to the Dublin Fusilliers.

Their dash was splendid, and they fought cooly and steadily when the bullets were flying. They were first in the Boer lines and captured the guns.

The British artillery work was beyond praise.—Central News.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAMS.

The following telegram has been received at the War Office this morning:—

"General Officer commanding Natal, to Secretary of State for War. Received 8 a.m.:—

"Ladysmith, October 20, 6-35 a.m.

"Following from (General) Symons, Glencop Camp, dated 5-30 a.m. to-day:—Boers shelling camp with big guns. Troops moving out."

Further telegrams have been received at the War Office from the General commanding in Natal as follows:—

"Ladysmith (Natal), 8-35 a.m.

(Received at the War Office at 9-45 a.m.)

"October 20.—Following from Gen. Symons, Glencoe Camp, dated 7-40 a.m. to-day:—

"'Boers attacked camp this morning at 5 o'clock. Fighting still going on. Reported strength about 9,000.'"

"Ladysmith, 10-35 a. m.

(Received at War Office, 10-59 a. m.)

"Telegraph Officer, Glencoe, reports by wire:—

"'Enemy's artillery silenced. Dublin Fusiliers and King's Royal Rifles going over hill.'"

"Ladysmith, 10-45 a. m

(Received at the War Office, 10-54 a. m.)

"Following from Glencoe Junction telegraph office:—

"'The King's Royal Rifles and Dublin Fusiliers are attacking the hill on which the Boers had their artillery. They are within 300 yards of the position and advancing under cover of our artillery at about 2,000 yards range.

"'Scouts report 9,000 Boers advancing from Hatting Spruit; 13th Battery and Leicestershire Regiment gone to meet them.'"

"Ladysmith, 11-20 a. m.

(Received at the war Office, 11-1 a. m. English time.)

"Gen. Symons has been wounded."

The following telegram, referring to earlier movements, was received at the War Office at two a. m. to-day from the General Officer commanding in Natal:—

"Ladysmith, 19th October, 9 p.m.—

"Boers commenced descending western passes on Tuesday, and came in contact with my patrols. Yesterday they continued their advance, halting for the night with their left flank at Bester's Station (their) centre at Blue Bank and (their) right, more retired, at Acton Homes.

"Lieut. Gallwey, Natal Carabiniers, is missing. Trooper Spencer, Natal Carabiniers, slightly wounded.

"I moved my camp into a position I had selected with the object of covering town of Ladysmith, and hoped that to-day Boers might have been sufficiently near me to strike a blow. To-day, however, enemy seems to have remained at rest, patrols getting touch nowhere, except with comparatively small body at Bester's Station.

"Railway communication with Glencoe Junction was cut to-day at Elandslaagte, where they captured a goods train by a Boer force advancing over Biggarsberg Nek. The communication by telegraph has been still open via Greytown."

HOW THE BATTLE COMMENCED.

Cape Town, October 20, 9 a.m.

Glencoe Camp is being attacked in great force by the Boers, who have posted their guns on a hill overlooking the town. They have opened fire on the camp and the battle is now general.—Reuter.

Glencoe, October 19, Night.

The Boer force has resumed its advance from Hatting Spruit upon Dundee. It is a strong body, with a dozen guns.

The Boer plan of attack is developing. If their intentions are carried out, this place will probably be the centre of attack, while feints in strong force will be made against Ladysmith to prevent our receiving reinforcements. Every preparation has been made here.

The skirmishing to-day has been only of minor character. We are in touch with the enemy, and an attack upon the camp is fully expected at dawn to-morrow.

October 19, 9-20 p.m.

The Boers are coming on in great force. They were seen this afternoon on the Hatting Spruit road by the employés of the Natal Navigation Collieries Company. Seeing that an attack was threatened, some of the officials mounted their bicycles and rode with all speed into Dundee to give information.

A Squadron of Hussars left the camp directly afterwards to reconnoitre. They returned this evening with valuable information, but without having come into collision with the Boer scouts. There is every indication that we are in for a tough fight.

The Boer plan of action, as it is now developing, appears to be to wedge one strong force of burghers between the Glencoe and Ladysmith camps, thus preventing any communication between the two. When this has been accomplished, the commandos from Dr Jager's Drift and from Landman's Drift will attack Glencoe Camp on the flank.

The movements of the enemy clearly indicate this. While this movement is being carried into effect, the commando which entered Natal through Tintwa's Pass is expected to make an attack upon Ladysmith Camp, opposing not directly, but on the flank. As already wired, we are fully anticipating the opening of the battle at dawn to-morrow.—Central News.

Ladysmith, October 18.

The Natal Carabiniers, who were engaged with the enemy at Bester's, had six men wounded. An armoured train has gone out to fetch the wounded.

An official notice posted up in camp this morning said that the cavalry patrols ten miles below Tintwa Pass had come into action with the Free State commando, and that the Free State having thus begun war could not pose as an injured party. The Boers opened with artillery, but their firing was indifferent.

On the Lancers advancing, the guns limbered up and retreated. Maj. Adye was in command of the patrols.

This afternoon, the Border Mounted Rifles had come into action with the enemy in the neighbourhood of Acton Homes and Bester's Station. Firing commenced at ten o'clock. Acton Homes is 16 miles out.

The trooper of the Imperial Light Horse, who has been arrested as a spy, is a well-known Johannesburg cyclist, named Fraser. He has not yet been tried. A Free State Dutchman was arrested in town on the same charge this afternoon.

News has reached here that the Boer artillery have opened fire at Dundee.—Reuter.

Durban, October 18.

According to information from an authoritative Boer source it is intended that 3,000 Boers should enter Natal via Isandlhwana in the direction of Umvoti country. The Boers do not intend to protect Swaziland, as in the event of their being victorious, they could easily return there, and at present all their burghers are wanted elsewhere.

Skirmishes between patrols are reported to have occurred near Glencoe and Ladysmith.—Reuter.

Pietermaritzburg, Oct. 18, 10-35 p.m.

A British patrol on the Free State border is now engaging the enemy. Our patrols are falling back on Ladysmith.

The Tintwa affair consisted of three shells being fired at a British patrol. All were wide of the mark.—Exchange Company.

WESTERN FRONTIER.

Kimberley, October 17.

All is well here. There is no news of further fighting. The police detachment has evacuated Fourteen Streams, retiring on Kimberley. The police evacuated Vryburg on the 15th.

The news from Mafeking, reporting Col. Hore's successful sortie against the Boers on the 14th, was received via Kuruman. The Boers were forced to retire into the Veldt after the engagement.

Reports which have reached here from different sources show that all was well at Mafeking on the nights of the 14th and 15th inst. The destruction of the Modder River and Fourteen Streams bridges is confirmed.—Reuter.

Kimberley, October 17.

A destitute Englishman has just arrived with a Free State permit. He was taken prisoner near Kimberley. He reports that the enemy have large flocks and herds. A court has been specially constituted for summary jurisdiction and the trial of spies.

Riverton was destroyed by the enemy early on Sunday, the place being completely wrecked.—Reuter's Special Service.

Cape Town, October 20.

A private wire from Mafeking, without date, says: "Fight Monday. All right."—Reuter.

Cape Town, October 19, 11 a.m.

In the fight at Mafeking two were killed and 12 wounded on the British side. The Boers were repulsed with severe losses.—Exchange Company.

Cape Town, October 19.

In the armoured train reconnaissance from Mafeking on Saturday, Corpls. Welch and Parish were killed, and fourteen men wounded, including Corpls. Kilne and Jones severely.—Reuter's Special Service.

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INDIA IN PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Lords on Tuesday, October 17, the Session of the fourteenth Parliament of her Queen was opened by Royal Commission traditional formalities. The Speaker and of the House of Commons having been Black Rod to the bar of the House of o'clock, the Queen's Speech was read as

d Gentlemen.—

brief period after the recent prorogapelled by events deeply affecting the Empire to recur to your advice and of affairs in South Africa has made t my Government should be enabled to military forces of this country by callerve. For this purpose the provisions of der it necessary that Parliament should be er. Except for the difficulties that have the question of the South African Reof the world continues to be

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efore you for the purpose of iture which has been or may uth Africa. The Estimates be submitted to you in due

of domestic interest to invited at a later period, the labours of a Parked. For the present in order to ask you to ligency; and I pray that, which claim your attention, nce and blessing of Almighty

E IN SOUTH AFRICA.

moving the Address in reply to the from the Throne, expressed his belief hips and the people of this country in accord on one point—namely, that in h there must in future be but one paratower, and that that Power must be Great

Lord Barnard seconded the motion.

rd Kimberley observed that their lordships were summoned together for no common reason. They found themselves engaged in a serious war, which, he regretted to say, in some respects partook of the character of a civil war. Of course, it was not a civil war, but it was a war in which the feelings and interests of a considerable number of our fellow-subjects, not of our own race, were deeply engaged. He would come at once to the main question raised in the Speech from the Throne—namely, the necessity of calling out the Reserves, and asking Parliament for the requisite supplies for the war which, he feared, had already commenced. Upon that he desired to speak with no doubtful voice. Whatever might be the opinions of himself and his colleagues with regard to the past history of this melancholy business, they were as ready as the supporters of the Government on the other side of the House to give their support to all measures which might be necessary to vindicate the honour and to support the interests of the empire. His lordship proceeded to deal in detail with the whole situation, expressing his satisfaction at the patriotic way in which the Reserves had responded to the call made upon them. He took exception, however, to the mode in which the negotiations with the South African Republic had been conducted. They had been conducted practically *coram populo*, and the success of negotiations ought not to be endangered by constantly making public what was going on.

Lord Salisbury observed that the first portion of the speech of the leader of the Opposition filled him with despair, because he found that on every subject the noble lord said exactly what he should have wished to say himself. The Boer Government had been pleased to dispense with any explanation on the part of her Majesty's Government with respect to the causes or the justification of the war. They had done that which no provocation on our part could have justified; they had done that which the strongest nation had never in its strength done to any opponent it had challenged; they had issued a defiance so audacious that he could hardly depict it adequately without using strong words not suited to that assembly; and they had boy so doing liberated her Majesty's Government from the necessity of explaining why we were at war. Until lately the hope of bringing the negotiation to a successful issue was not entirely abandoned, but now all question of possible peace, all question of justifying the attitude which we had assumed, and of pointing out errors and the grave oppression of which the Transvaal Government had been guilty—all this things had been wiped away in one gret insult which left her Majesty's Government no other course to pursue than that for which they had received the assent of the whole nation and which it was their desire to carry out. It was one of the most satisfactory parts of our policy in these later days that when a question arose in which the vital interests and the honour of this country were concerned there were no distinctions of party. The constitutional conditions under which we lived made the conduct of negotiations much more difficult than they were formerly; and there were occasions on which absolute secrecy could not be observed without sacrificing a great source of power. His belief was that the desire to get rid of the word "suzerainty" and the reality which it expressed had been the dream of President Kruger's life. The President, in fact, used the oppression of the Uitlander population as a screw by which to obtain some concession from us on the subject of the suzerainty. He entirely agreed, however, that suzerainty was a word wholly unnecessary for our present purpose. Situated as Great Britain was in South Africa towards the Transvaal and the Uitlander populations, who were our subjects in the Transvaal, we had a paramount power and duty which had nothing to do with any convention or suzerainty. With regard to the future, there must be no doubt that the power of Great Britain was paramount. There must be no doubt that the white races would be put upon an equality, and that due precaution would be taken for the kindly treatment of the indigenous races. At present we had only to make it clear that the great objects which were essential to the power of England in Africa, to the good government of the country, and to the rights of all races, were the objects which her Majesty's Government, with the full support of the nation, were now pursuing, and which they would thoroughly pursue to the end.

Lord Loch said that, as he was formerly High Commissioner and Governor of South Africa, he felt it his duty to support the policy of the Government.

The Address was then agreed to. The House rose at ten minutes to seven o'clock.

In the House of Lords, on Thursday, Lord Salisbury laid before their lordships a message from the Queen announcing that as the state of affairs in South Africa constituted a case of great emergency within the meaning of the Act of Parliament, her Majesty deemed it proper to communicate to the House that her Majesty was about to order, by proclamation, the embodiment of the Militia, and to call out such part of the Militia Reserve force as might be thought necessary for permanent service. His lordship went on to say that, owing to the peculiar arrangements of business in the two Houses, he thought he should best consult their lordships' convenience by moving that the message be considered immediately.

This motion having been agreed to, Lord Salisbury moved that an humble address be presented to the Queen thanking her Majesty for her most gracious message.

The Address was at once agreed to, and the House rose until Thursday next, Oct. 26.

MAJOR GIBBONS'S TRANS-AFRICAN EXPEDITION.

LIALUI (BAROTSILAND), Aug. 5.

THE sad news which probably arrived in England some time ago of the death of Mr. Muller from dysentery and the compulsory return home of Mr. Weller through ill health has just reached Major Gibbons and party in Barotsiland. It was on these two gentlemen, who during the early part of the expedition had proved themselves pre-eminently qualified for the task entrusted to them, that the Major relied to proceed with the steamers and main supplies up the Kafukwe river, so that by the time the exploring party had completed the work they had undertaken in this country and rejoined the steamers the whole expedition would be free to proceed overland to the Luapula and thence by the great lakes to the Nile. The consequent abandonment of this route which becomes a necessity is a great disappointment to the members of the expedition who remain here, more especially since the land transport over 300 miles of rugged broken country fringing the Mambasa rapids and the passage of the Constance Lake Zambesi, an ascent of 2,500ft., as far as Wankies towards the close of last year went to prove the remaining part of the northern route not only to be quite feasible, but probably comparatively easy, as the currentless waters of the lakes and the favourable stream of the Nile would have substituted for the stiff head stream of the Zambesi.

Mr. Weller, before his departure for England, succeeded in sending forward fresh supplies, so that the members of the expedition will not have to finish their work on native rations, as at one time seemed probable. In the meantime, owing to the old friendship between King Sewanika and Major Gibbons and the keen and active interest evinced by Major Coryndon, the British Resident here, in the work of the expedition, much has already been done in a comparatively short space of time. Major Gibbons has explored the Okavango from 18° 55' S. lat. to the Kwito, followed the latter river to where 19° E. long. cuts 15° 6' S. lat., and thence, taking a north-easterly route across the Kwando, return to Lialui. Captain Quicke, after ascending the Zambesi with canoes as far as Lialui, journeyed to the confluence of the Kubangui with the Kwando followed the latter river to its source, thence in a northerly direction to the Lungwebungu, which he followed to the Zambesi, and thence by land back to Lialui Captain Stevenson-Hamilton has just arrived here after following the Kwando from its southern extremity for some distance; he left the river and journeyed along the eastern watershed to 14° 33' S. lat., and thence to Lialui. He has been subjected to considerable delay through the desertion of his porters, but fortunately his head men remained loyal, and on one of them bearing a letter to Lewanika, the King at once took steps for his release. The three traveller are in excellent health and their routes in the aggregate already cover a distance of 3,500 miles, mostly through unknown or unexplored districts, since quitting the steamers early in January.

Briefly the plans for the future are these:—At the end of this month Captains Quicke and Hamilton will travel east to the Kafukwe, while Major Gibbons will make a journey up the Zambesi with canoes to Nanakandundu, returning by river as far as the Kabompo confluence, whence he will make a line to the Kafukwe. Captain Hamilton will then travel down that river to its confluence with the Zambesi, where an abundance boat awaits him, in which he will descend the river to Zumbo and return home the east coast. Major Gibbons with Captain will travel up the Kafukwe and, after following Zambesi from its source to Nanakandundu, for St. Paul de Loanda on the west coast. hope to reach the coast in December by ective routes.—*Reuter.*

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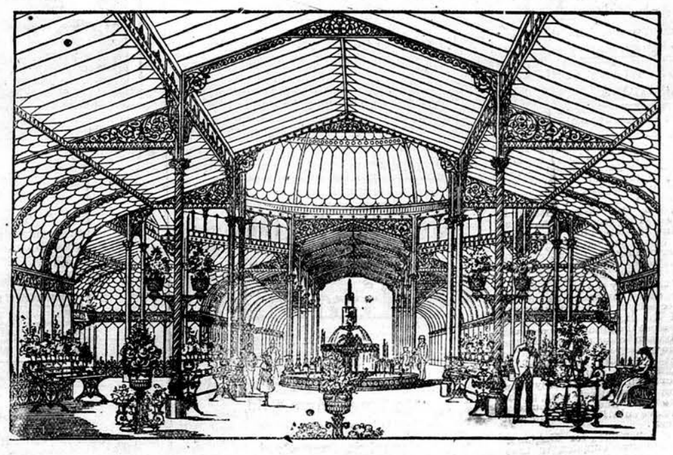

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